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Kayaker Surprises Trio of Town Employees

By Marilou Newell

And now for something completely different. On Friday, March 11, at the end of another busy week handling the town's business, a call came into the Select Board's office from a concerned citizen reporting what they believed was illegal shell fishing in Hiller Cove off Aucoot Road.

As he prepared to leave Town Hall for the weekend, Town Administrator Mike Lorenco took the call and decided to head to the location to handle the matter.

Coincidentally, Harbormaster Jamie McIntosh was also at Town Hall, as was Shellfish Officer Kathy Massey. The trio headed out to stop the unpermitted activity – so they thought.

Upon arriving, they spotted the kayaker just off shore but heading in. Asked if he was shell fishing, Kyle Kossak of Newport, Rhode Island, explained what he was up to. Kossak was cleaning the shoreline of trash.

"He stuck out like a sore thumb," McIntosh quipped, "… but he was doing something good for the town." McIntosh said that he, Massey and Lorenco were all equally astonished to find a private citizen, not only from another town but from another state, caring enough to clean up the shoreline in Mattapoisett. "We were in shock!"

Kossak said about once a week he drives to a location, unloads his kayak and sets out to explore the area and collect trash, "I've been doing it for about six or seven years," he said. While he is not professionally involved in environmental issues of the day, Kossak said his girlfriend was an oceanographer. "So I hear a lot about environmental things."

Kossak is a mechanical engineer, a University of Rhode Island graduate, currently employed by a company engaged in Naval contracts.

"This isn't something you see every day," said McIntosh, "not common."

As for Kossak, it's just part of his enjoyment of nature and contributing to the health of the oceans. And it isn't the first time he's been questioned by authorities. "I wasn't surprised, it's happened before. People are always polite and grateful when I explain when I'm doing." He also added, "By the way, Mattapoisett is pretty clean."

In a follow-up, Lorenco said, "I'd like to formally thank him for cleaning up Mattapoisett and bringing a smile on our faces … I certainly needed the laugh and some positive news."

Turkey Vultures Circling, Sanitizing Earth

By George B. Emmons

The first sign of spring may be Turkey Vultures circling overhead to clean up carcasses killed by speeding cars that they can locate miles away worth their keen sense of smell. The flight of a Turkey Vulture is easy to recognize by its profile of a lazy circle overhead with

On the Cover: *Henry Anderson of the Warriors takes a jump shot, while Max Milka of the Knicks defends during the Grade 2 basketball playoffs held on March 10 at Center School in Mattapoisett. After rolling past the Heat, 10-2, in the semifinals, the Warriors defeated the Knicks, 24-14, for the championship. The Knicks narrowly edged the Celtics, 10-8, to advance to the title tilt. Photo by Ryan Feeney*

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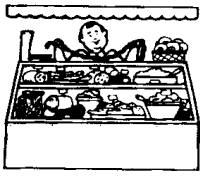

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Turkey vultures are very large birds with a 6-foot wingspan spayed out with a very dark color followed by a pale gray trailing edge.

Vultures have suffered from poor public relations since Charles Darwin called them highly disgusting birds habitually tainted by an aura of rotting flesh. They can get away with eating dead, putrid bodies with their bright red bald naked head, as illustrated, which is a survival adaptation to reduce the risk of fowling feathers by contacting germs of deteriorating corpses.

Many avid devoted bird watchers are content to keep their distance, especially when Vultures are feeding their young by regurgitation with carrion into their mouths along with guttural grunts and groans with the effort.

There are two groups of Vultures which today populate the universe, providing an excellent example of convergent evolution while adapting to diverse conditions on several different continents.

Strangely enough, all the old-world Vultures across the pond have absolutely no smelling ability so they can only rely on vision to locate dead bodies. They must then hunt in a low-level visual flight much like our local harrier hawk. They must use their legs and feet to grasp prey-like birds and small mammals, a very specialized use of a Vulture's body to survive.

New-world Vultures have survived and increased their numbers by the ability to locate the next meal with their noses and have been joined by another

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Now having both red- and black-headed Vultures with the ability to actively circle overhead for sanitation purposes will hopefully ensure future generations may benefit from an improved, cleaner environment in the foreseeable future.

Dog Hearing Finds Finley 'Dangerous'

Marion Select Board

By Marilou Newell

On March 15, dog owner Thomas Hibbert, 26 Joanne Drive, came before the Marion Select Board to defend his position that "Finley," an 80-pound, 9.5-year-old Rottweiler, should not be deemed a "dangerous" dog.

An incident between Hibbert's dog and neighbor

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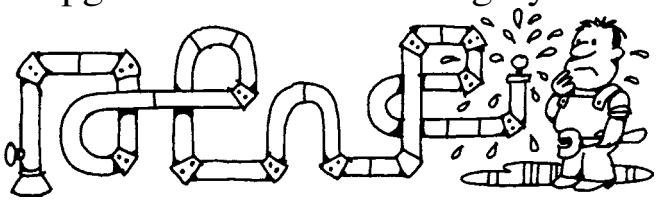
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Debra Cohen's 20-pound "Archie" took place on December 12, 2021. Archie was attacked by Finley, causing several bite wounds that required medical treatment.

The incident was reported to Animal Control Officer Susan Connor and followed up with a letter from Cohen to the Select Board on January 3 expressing her concerns.

Hibbert did not deny that the attack had taken place, instead he offered a psychological report from a veterinarian that stated Cohen's dog was a trigger for aggressive behavior by Finley. Hibbert asserted that his dog is not violent, saying, "You can come in my house."

Cohen said that she had not seen Finley outside the home since the incident and was not advocating that the animal be destroyed, but she feared Finley's hurling herself against the windows whenever she walked by with Archie might result in the animal getting loose.

Hibbert stated, "That day was an accident, the dog is always in the house." But on the day in question, the Hibbert family was all outside the home and Finley was able to run out an open back door and into the street where Cohen was passing. "Archie is a trigger for her," Hibbert repeated several times. He went on to say his dog is in constant pain, receiving several different types of medication and probably is at the end of her life. He said he was willing to keep her in the house and pleaded, "The dog is not dangerous, she hasn't bitten before, it would be wrong to put her down."

Hibbert said that he immediately went to the aid of Cohen and her dog, paid for emergency medical care and has apologized profusely. Cohen said she didn't feel safe in her neighborhood.

Town Counsel Jon Witten said the Select Board had to decide if the dog was simply a nuisance or a dangerous dog. If they found Finley fell into the latter category, there was a number of measures they could impose upon Hibbert.

After reviewing a variety of conditions from muzzling to leashing to restraining the animal in a humane manner, the board elected to require an interior, dog-proof doorway barrier, an exterior enclosure, and monitoring by the dog officer. In legal parlance, the dog

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will be "confined to the keeper of the dog." If Hibbert fails to meet the conditions set out by the board, fines of up to $300 per day may be imposed.

In other business, Matt Zuker of Zuker Development met with the board to informally discuss a revised plan to construct 48 units consisting of 36 detached homes and 12 townhouses on property located at 78 Wareham Road.

Zuker acknowledged that earlier attempts to get a zoning bylaw change through Town Meeting that would allow the cluster development failed and that his team could have done better. Now he said they were ready to try again. A Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21.

Part of Zuker's presentation included drawings of the proposed homes' aesthetics as coastal cottages in keeping with the town's image, but the bigger news was an agreement crafted with the assistance of Town Administrator Jay McGrail that would benefit the community's water and sewer systems.

Several critical areas of proposed assistance that Zuker would lend to the town include: 1) payment of up to $1,265,630 to the town for the removal of extraneous infiltration and inflow (I/I); 2) payment of $123,000 to the town to contribute to the design and construction of a project to replace the existing Creek Road pump station; 3) payment of $37,000 to the town to perform a force main condition assessment to assess the pipeline integrity and

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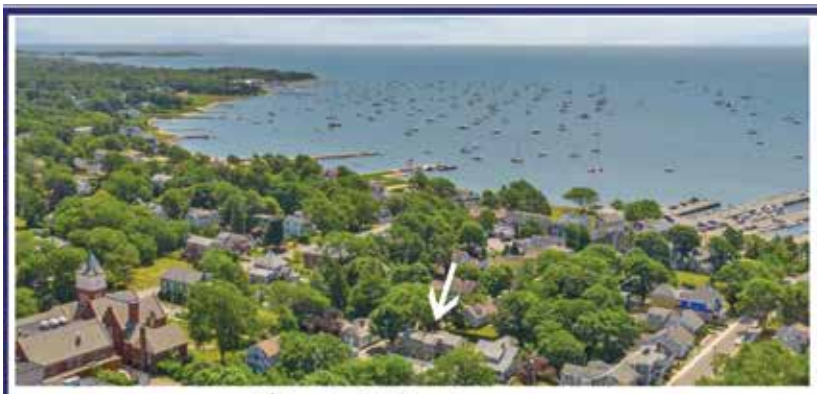

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Earlier in the meeting, Gaelle Hyppolite was appointed to the Affordable Housing Trust. The board also approved the appointment of probationary police officers Randy Jacob and Stephen Dawson as full-time officers.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, at 6:00 pm.

Sewer Infrastructure an Abiding Challenge

Marion Finance Committee

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Finance Committee held its final department interview for the FY23 budget season on March 9, taking on the Department of Public Works.

The DPW covers a lot of ground between water, sewer and highway, but Director Nathaniel Munafo's more complex challenges come on the sewer side, where projects large and small add up in a town with an aging infrastructure and plans for dramatic residential growth.

One of the more subtle issues is the future of sewer among approximately 450 homes in the town's sewer-user area that have grinder pumps. The homes are located in three specific locations off Converse, Dexter Beach and North Marion and are dealing with failing grinder pumps that were installed during a time when Munafo says that gravity pumps were more expensive.

Residential pump repair will see a proposed increase from $60,000 budgeted for FY22 to $80,000 for FY23. The town is responsible for the maintenance of grinder pumps, which are largely outdated and at this point more cost effective to replace rather than repair.

FinCom Chairman Shay Assad asked how many pumps fail on an annual basis. Munafo estimates between 40 and 50 fail per year. In FY21, reported Munafo, the $60,000 pump-repair line item was overspent by $9,228.

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"That's how we came up with this number for FY23, to at least match what we're doing right now," said Munafo.

Select Board member John Waterman said the town is trying to come up with a policy that will get the town out from under an increasing cost.

"We're looking at a number of options to recouping our costs in the short term," said Town Administrator Jay McGrail, who confirmed that the item will be on the next agenda of the Water/Sewer Commission.

Waterman said there was a mismatch between the financing (via 30-year betterments) and the average 15-year life of the grinder pumps. FinCom member Peter Winters said that home sales should pay off betterments and free the town of further obligation in those cases.

A grinder-pump core costs approximately $3,000, but a full installation costs between $8,000 and $10,000, according to Munafo.

Waterman believes a pump station might be built for the cost of 48 grinder pump installations.

Sewer engineering will see a $10,000 increase (from $30,000 to $40,000) in preparation for NPDES permit renewal and grant applications. The permit that governs how the sewer system discharges is up for renewal.

Munafo said a federal BRIC grant application for $10,000 would result in the hire of the Woods Hole Group to help write the grant application for the Environmental Protection Agency. If procured, the grant would offset 75 percent of the construction for the Front Street pumping station.

Under the proposed budget, Marion's property maintenance line would increase by $3,500 (over 32 percent) due to a flat-roof maintenance agreement for the WPCF/DPW office. This is a Hazard Mitigation Plan priority and is recommended by the Facilities Department in the wake of leaks through the 15-year, flat rubber roof.

"In other years we've kind of put that off in the contract-services line," something Munafo said could no longer occur.

Munafo proposes $60,000 in FY23 sewer testing, a $14,000 or 30 percent increase over the $46,000 budgeted for FY22. Additional testing, he said, is tied to administrative orders to test for nitrogen after the lagoon project is wrapped up in May. Testing in the lagoon will increase from a quarterly to a monthly basis.

"It's very complicated, a lot of hard work goes into what is being done up there," said committee member Fred Mock, who spoke about birdwatching with his father 40 years ago at the Wastewater Treatment Plant site, noting that at the time there were only the "sewage ponds."

Other notable budget increases on the sewer side include $7,000 to repair motor vehicles, a 100- percent increase over the $3,500 that was budgeted in FY22; current FY22 spending (as of March 9) is $4,581.61.

"We've doubled that line. The reason we've done that is the two sewer vehicles we have at the moment are both fairly old, and we've been seeing significant increases in the cost of repairing the vehicles," said Munafo. "We're seeing that in the Water Division's vehicles ... but we're also seeing significant increases from the motor-vehicle companies in how quickly they're able to respond both for parts and for new vehicles.

"The two F-550's that the Highway Dept. purchased last year ... we don't even have a production date as we sit here at the moment. ... We want to make sure we have enough money to keep these trucks on the road."

Munafo's PowerPoint presentation on the Water Division budget included current FY22 spending at $6,160.20 and counting, almost all of which was earmarked for Truck No. 12. A capital request to replace that truck could take over a year to be realized, according to the report.

Alternate committee member Ann M. Iannuzzi was impressed with the amount of information that DPW employee Becky Tilden shared in the process.

Proposed water-system repairs include: an increase from $20,000 budgeted for FY22 to $50,000 for FY23. Munafo explained it as a net reduction of $35,000 because the increase takes the place of a $50,000 Hydrant Replacement capital item, while $15,000 was taken out of Well Exploration to help offset the line item.

McGrail opened the meeting by summarizing revised budget information including lower-debt numbers from Bristol Aggie. He also noted that the Tri-Towns came to an agreement to support Old Rochester Regional High School's outdoor-track repair project. A $125,000 assessment has been added to Marion's budget proposal to reflect that, and McGrail said the town was only tweaks away from achieving a balanced budget "fully loaded" and getting ready to present as the final budget.

The Finance Committee was scheduled to meet on Wednesday to discuss its FY23 budget overview and make recommendations to the Select Board. The next meeting of the committee has not been scheduled.

Complex FY 23 School Budgets Reviewed

Mattapoisett Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

Coming before a joint meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board and Finance Committee on March 10 were Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson and Howard Barber, ORR's assistant superintendent of Finance and Operations, to review the FY23 school budgets.

For the layperson, the complexities, the numerous moving parts of the process used to create a school budget, can be mind-numbing.

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In an effort to bring clarity and transparency to the process, Barber and Nelson gave an in-depth PowerPoint presentation followed by questions.

Transparency has been a keystone of the current administration's financial planning, including work with the Tri-Town administrators and financial teams to thoroughly vet not only the process but the bottom lines.

That is not to say it has been easy. The amount of support the state will be providing has not yet been cemented or fully disclosed to cities and towns, leaving school administrations to make their best guess. Suffice to say, schools are funded by the taxpayers both at the local and state levels.

From Barber's presentation, the Select Board and Finance Committee learned that Mattapoisett's local schools, Center and Old Hammondtown, show an increased enrollment of 28 students for a total of 424 for FY23. Local school assessment is pegged at $8,039,560 for the upcoming fiscal year. ORR's assessment is planned at $6,353,695.

Another moving part is a line item titled "Foundation Budget," a calculation that includes multiplying the number of students in 14 enrollment categories by cost rates in 11 areas. From the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, we find the following regarding foundation budgets: *"While allocations within the district budget are under the purview of the school committee, there is a statewide system of school funding that underlies the entire system. This is called the 'foundation budget,' as it establishes a foundation level of funding for each school district."*

That figure for Mattapoisett local schools stands at $4,913,934 and Chapter 70 state aid at $980,381. ORR's foundation budget is $12,541,084 with state aid via Chapter 70 at $3,384,440. In a follow-up, Barber explained it this way: "The Foundation Budget is the required net school spending (NSS) to be budgeted per the state for the school department. It includes the Chapter 70 aid from the state and the minimum local aid required by the town/city." He also pointed out, "The total Proposed Budget for ORRSD … is $20,845,272."

Regarding capital needs and the development

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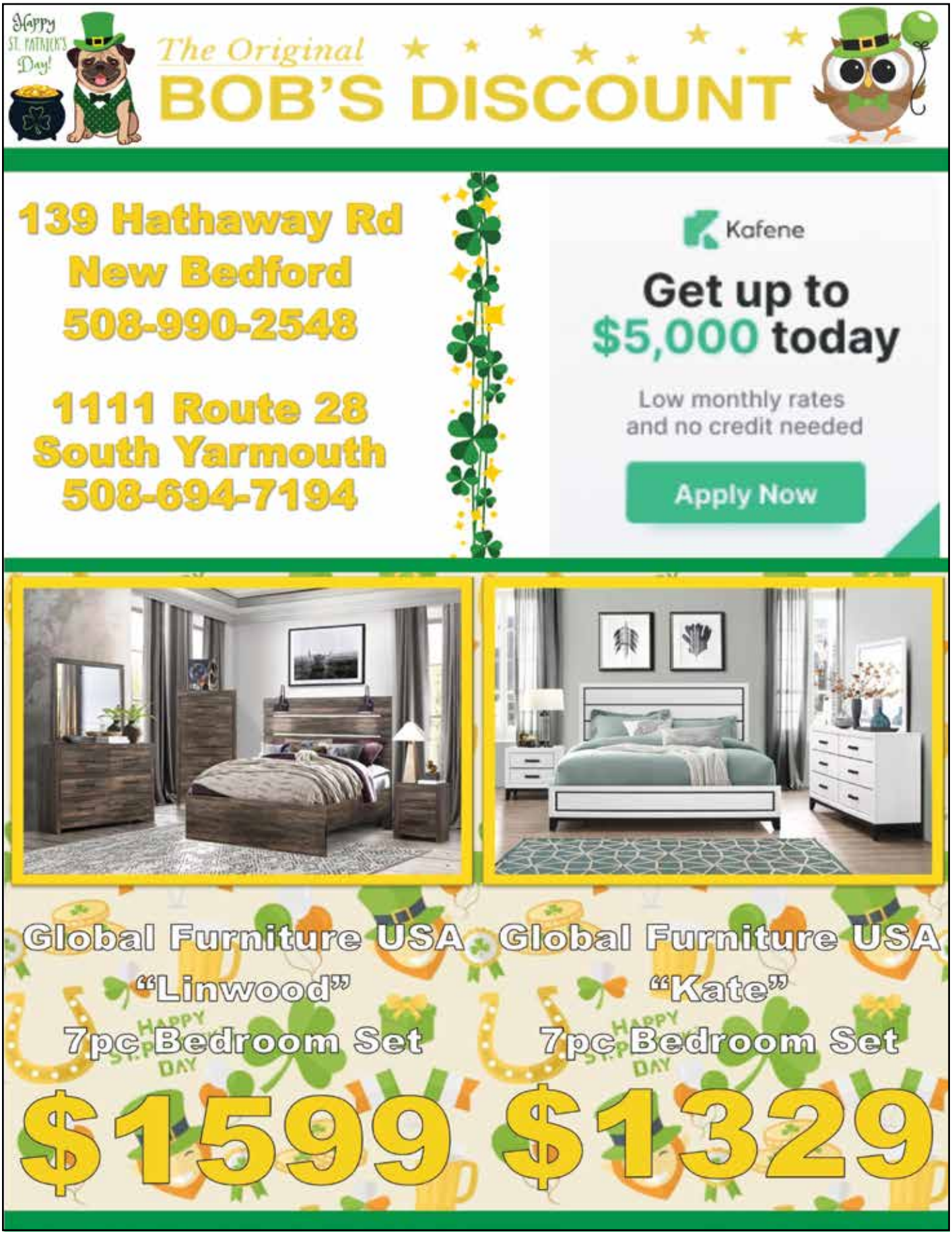
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of a Capital Stabilization Fund, the draft budget shows Mattapoisett's contribution to this fund at $152,567. When questioned by the Select Board on the price tag that the Tri-Towns are expected to pay into the fund, Barber said this is just for the repairs to the high school track, not the amount that will be requested annually. In the follow-up he said, "The current capital assessment in the operating budget for track is $152,567 for Mattapoisett. There is not a specified amount determined yet for future cycles to build into the Capital Stabilization account…"

Nelson and Barber were also asked for the current OPEB liability figure. In the follow-up, Barber stated, "As of (June 30, 2021,) the total OPEB liability is $24,802,731 with a current net liability of $24,691,449. Total assets included in the plan as of (June 30, 2021) are $111,282."

Later in the meeting, the Select Board carried on with working sessions with department heads for the FY23 budget, meeting with members of the Board of Health and Mattapoisett Police Chief Jason King.

From Board of Health Chairman Carmelo Nicolosi, the board heard that the company which has purchased ABC Disposal will honor existing contracts without modifications.

Select Board Chairman Jordon Collyer asked how the Transfer Station, an enterprise fund that has needed financial support since its inception, is doing. Nicolosi said that receipts for every transaction are now mandated and that two new recycling programs have begun, one that accepts textiles including rugs and carpets and another for mattresses. He also noted that they are working with the researchers from the Collins Institute who is studying the operation to assist the town in making it more financially viable.

Collyer also asked about the possible creation of a "Dump Store" where people could shop for materials or swap items. Nicolosi said they were looking into that as well. BOH agent Gail Joseph said that up to a half ton of material can be removed from the waste stream this way. The FY23 budget for Transfer station expenses shows SEMASS at $212,000, rubbish collection $314,586, recycling $187,752 and landfill monitoring $11,500.

King reported that the Police Department has 17 full-time patrol officers and 3 part-time staff. He said that seven officers are ready to make the next step in their contracts with 2-percent pay increases. King also commented that the number of ambulance calls has dramatically risen.

In the category of what could help offset expenses, King said in the future, he hopes to have a plan to place solar arrays over the parking lot of the police station that are now in a design phase.

Regarding capital needs, King said he is requesting $50,000 for tasers, equipment the staff currently does not have, a police cruiser for $55,000, $110,000 for parking lot repaving, $25,000 to upgrade the department's telephone system, $50,000 for a new radio system and $25,000 for a new police motorcycle.

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This last request prompted board member Jodi Bauer to ask, "Is this a want or a need?" King pointed to the goodwill an officer on a motorcycle brings to the town including funerals. "Most towns have them and they are fully equipped to handle emergency calls." He said the officer using the motorcycle is a highly-trained professional who teaches other police departments how to handle motorcycles, giving Mattapoisett prestige. He concluded saying a motorcycle can go places a cruiser cannot, including the bike path and that he also hopes to have a bicycle unit for warmer-weather patrolling.

Recreation Department Director Greta Fox was asked by Collyer to help plan a working session with the Select Board that would among other topics examine

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fees for various programs. Another area Collyer said he wanted to explore is more adult offerings. "We need to do a gap analysis to find the blind spots in programming," he said.

Fox said part of the problem with expansion planning is the fact that the Recreation Department does not have a building. One thing all agreed on is giving Mattapoisett residents first shot at summer-camp enrollment before opening it up to other communities.

As she had during other meetings, Fox explained the challenges that the department experienced due to the pandemic and the fact that programs still are full.

The bigger concern facing Fox is the dearth of certified lifeguards for the coming season. She said all outreach pathways to encourage applicants are being used but are not very effective. She said only two lifeguards confirmed they are returning.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, at 5:00 pm.

Driveway, Parking Get Green Lights

Marion Conservation Commission

By Mick Colageo

Both applicant Christopher Kuppens and the Kittansett Club came away from public hearings with the March 9 Marion Conservation Commission able to proceed with their plans.

The commission voted to issue an Order of Conditions to Kuppens for his Notice of Intent to construct a driveway, install utilities and perform site grading within the buffer zone to a vegetated wetland at Deer Run. Commission members conducted a site visit on March 5.

Project representative Brady Grady of G.A.F. Engineering explained while sharing his computer screen displaying site-plan images that the jurisdictional work for the project is the driveway, the utility installation and associated grading to access the site.

A cul-de-sac at the end of Deer Run accesses an existing pathway that will be substantially eclipsed by the driveway that will run to a house to be located at the rear of the lot in an upland area.

Walsh said that the wetlands flags that were delineated by Brad Holmes were in a report received by the commission. Conservation Agent Doug Guey-Lee said he reviewed the flags and was comfortable with the soil information. Walsh said there will be no work on the erosion side of the erosion-control barrier.

Vice Chair Jeff Doubrava, who was not able to make the official site visit but walked the site on the day of the public hearing, said he had received the soils analysis but did not see on the site plan where the soils were taken. Grady said that the wetland delineation was not indicated on the plan being viewed, but he identified the critical area on the site plan and said he can add that

information.

Doubrava also asked about the paved road in the southeast portion of the property. Grady identified it as a private road with no frontage so the only access to the construction site is off Deer Run.

Doubrava pointed out that the driveway comes close to the wetland boundary and the significant distance to the abutting house. Grady said the reason the driveway is not planned to be placed more east is installations like the water surface that must be sunk 5 feet into the ground and even the electric and cable 2 feet into the ground would sever the roots to the trees on the abutting property or straddling the property line.

"My concern is that we don't come back here in two years' time and find out that a bulldozer inadvertently clear-cut the site," said Doubrava.

Grady said he has discussed the matter several times with the applicant and made it clear that he cannot do any extra work outside the buffer zone without an additional filing with the commission.

ConCom Chairman Shaun Walsh authored a special condition that any work in the wetlands and/or the buffer zone not specifically authorized in the Order of Conditions voted upon by the commission be subject to an additional filing with the commission.

The commission voted the Kittansett Club a Negative (Boxes 2 and 3) determination of applicability in answer to the RDA application filed by the golf club

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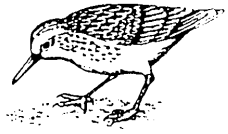

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and Steve Mann, 11 Point Road for the addition of stone and loam, seed and/or sod to regrade and maintain the existing overflow parking area within land subject to coastal storm flowage and the buffer zone to a coastal bank.

The commissioners visited the site on March 12 and requested and received some spot elevations to get the picture on what the site will look like when completed, including the proposed parking area.

The existing overflow parking area is within the 100-foot buffer zone. Proposed minor grading is intended to mitigate puddling that traditionally occurs after rain.

Two continued public hearings were opened only to be continued at the applicant's request.

John and Pamela Lees' NOI for reconstruction of a single-family house, an inground swimming pool, along with repair of a seawall with associated work at 49 Water Street was continued to the commission's March 23 public meeting, and the NOI filed by the Marion Trust #1, Michael Craffey trustee, to repair an existing seawall and pier and remove invasive phragmites at 522 Point Road was continued to the commission's April 13 public meeting.

Requested for comment to the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding Heron Cove Estates waiver requests, Walsh said the project is proposed in the "highest and driest" part of the property, away from any resource areas jurisdictional to the commission. Based on an ANRAD filed in the past, Doubrava said there have been several iterations of the proposed development and wanted to be certain that none of the lots in the current proposal are not in jurisdictional areas.

In other business, the commission voted to approve a three-year extension to the Piney Point Beach Club's order of conditions that for the past three years has allowed beach nourishment and work around the clubhouse.

The commission received notice from Eversource that herbicides will be spread along the company's major power lines that run from Washburn Park to the intersection of Point and Delano roads and to the Wareham town line.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, at 7:00 pm.

Committee Ranks Roadways No. 1

Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee

By Marilou Newell

After many months of study, interviews, research and more interviews, the Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee, an advisory board to the Select Board, voted on a list of 12 capital requests (needs of over $10,000) at its March 14 meeting.

Prior to the vote, the committee members met once again with Old Rochester Regional School District

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Facilities Director Gene Jones to firm up understanding on a $96,651 request for mechanical systems (primarily ventilation) needed in Center School. Jones said that a $55,328 grant was received from CARES Act funding needed to replace obsolete controllers at Old Hammondtown School, but that the larger grant of $96,651 requested for Center School had not been awarded. Thus the late entry of the needed funds now appears on the capital list.

Also attending was Town Administrator Mike Lorenco, who shed light on the school district's plan to assess the Tri-Towns more than $100,000 each for repairs needed on the high school's outdoor track with ORR's plans to structure a capital stabilization fund. Lorenco said that issues with the school's ability to raise the needed funds via borrowing was concerning and that in his discussion on the topic with Marion Town Administrator Jay McGrail there was consensus that it is better to fund the track than to borrow $500,000.

Capital Planning Chairman Chuck McCullough asked each committee member to prioritize each request with a number 1 through 12, No. 1 being the highest priority item. When the tally was taken the list was: 1) $250,000 for roadway improvements; 2) $96,651 Center School mechanical systems; 3) $240,000 new hook-lift truck Highway Department; 4) $40,000 telephone systems at town hall and other locations; 5) $50,000 tasers for the Police Department; 6) $12,500 Center School master

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electronic clock (not to be confused with the clock tower); 7) $25,000 library exterior lighting; 8) $10,000 library security cameras; 9) $25,000 flooring Old Hammondtown School; 10) $25,000 Police Department motorcycle; 11) $55,000 police cruiser; and 12) $50,000 Fire Department inspector's vehicle. The list totals $879,151 against an available $676,000 in free cash as noted by Lorenco.

Before finalizing the prioritization with a vote, McCullough read from a prepared motion that clarified the capital spending vote. It read: to accept the priority ranking set by Committee members through individual ballots covering the identified Town of Mattapoisett Capital Needs for FY2023 that are to be funded through Free Cash. If the total of the FY2023 Capital Needs identified to be funded through Free Cash exceeds the available amount of Free Cash, it is understood that the Town's Finance Committee and the Town's Select Board will follow the Committee's priority ranking and advance to Town Meeting only those needs that are able to be funded with no impact to operating funds or debt exclusion. Further, those FY2023 Capital Needs that are not advanced to Town Meeting for lack of available funds, will be moved on the Capital Plan to FY2024 for reconsideration during the planning for FY2024. The Capital Planning process cycle will coincide with the Town's Annual Meeting cycle. Special Town Meeting Warrants may include out of cycle recommendations from the Capital Planning Committee for Capital Needs deemed by Town Leadership to be quantifiable emergencies where the health and safety of residents and/or Town staff is at risk.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee was not set upon adjournment.

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Rochester Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

In appearing before the Rochester Planning Board during the latter's March 8 public meeting, Brian Wallace of JC Engineering, Inc. formally requested a judgment of "substantial completion" for Units 1, 2, 21, 22, 43 and 44 of the Plumb Corner Village housing development.

"Forty-four is a model home so it's really five units that we're hoping to gain occupancy for," he said.

Wallace referred to an original request date of February 16 and a meeting with Field Engineering, Rochester's peer-review consultant, along with the town planner, highway surveyor and site foreman. Outstanding issues were included in a report that Wallace said JC Engineering received on February 28.

Reading from a prepared statement, Wallace outlined actions taken to address the concerns noted in the peer-review report including a safety plan to be signed off by Fire Chief Scott Weigel and Police Chief Robert Small.

Other issues included: no-parking zone; reflective house numbers; a partial as-built plan showing that all finished units meet setbacks in the site plan; the clubhouse (projected for interior completion by the end of May); temporary fencing, a playground, plantings and a septic system.

Town Counsel Blair Bailey told Wallace that the day the site opens it has to be compliant under the American Disabilities Act (ADA).

Safety was a major concern of the Planning Board as it applies to exposed basins and large machinery on site of the overall incomplete development.

Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson asked if the fire chief had received the safety plan. To that point, Wallace had filed the plan with the town but not specifically with the fire chief. Johnson said Weigel needs to be in the loop "because his opinion is very critical to our decision. ... We don't have anything from the Fire Department at this point."

Planning Board member Ben Bailey agreed, calling it "enormous oversight" on the part of the applicant not to submit its plans to the fire chief.

Blair Bailey said that any verifiable thing can be a contingency on a board vote. He said that theoretically the board could vote contingent on the approvals of the fire chief, the Board of Health and peer-review consultant Ken Motta of Field Engineering.

In a follow-up call with Town Planner Nancy Durfee, it was learned that the board did vote at

the conclusion of its March 12 site visit to recognize substantial completion contingent on the meeting of conditions that were discussed during the March 8 meeting. The decision, being written by Durfee, will be ratified at the board's March 22 meeting.

Since the septic system is not complete, Planning Board approval would be contingent on Board of Health approval.

The road to establish a "substantial completion" judgment formed the main subject of the March 8 regular public meeting of the Planning Board.

In that discussion, Blair Bailey isolated the question as to what on Motta's peer-review list of requests needs to be addressed in order to make the requested lots resident ready.

Although Ben Bailey asserted that completion of the clubhouse and playground were agreed upon as prerequisites for substantial completion of Phase 1, Blair Bailey confirmed that the board has the power to release a portion of Phase 1, provided the board's security in doing so and in how much surety is being held (slightly over $1,500,000 as of March 8).

High-winds precautions and mitigation plans were addressed by Durfee, who also recommended using the site map as a place to reiterate assurances of such items as staging. She also relayed Motta's request for a schedule of items to be completed.

"Weather has been really tough on us this year, weather has set us back," said Wallace, who said there are three more foundations left to be installed. Road infrastructure, he said, is completely finished relative to Phase 1 of the project plans. He stated that Phase 1 areas should not have any machinery and little left to be brought in. "Phase 2 and Phase 3, we're happy to look at that a little more closely and set up more appropriate staging areas, but as far as Phase 1 goes, there really isn't a whole lot left ... and that's why we're here."

Ben Bailey asked about measures to control wind-blown dust and suggested a threshold of gusts to trigger watering in affected areas.

Blair Bailey reiterated a request for two distinct punch lists, one identifying those items that are

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contingent on a vote of "substantially complete" so the five units can achieve occupancy and the other listing the items that Motta's peer-review requested that are not subject to the same timeline. Blair Bailey also reassured meeting attendees that the town is doing its best to complete the process, albeit with a priority on safety.

Johnson requested a list of ages of the people who are waiting to move into the units in question prior to the site visit. He was told he would receive that information.

The over-55 development does not allow children to live there, but it is anticipated that many would-be residents are grandparents to children who will visit.

Wallace told the board that the applicant intends to go back before the Conservation Commission with additional information.

In other business, the Planning Board voted to approve special permits for Renewable Energy Development Partners LLC for its applications for installation of a canal-canopy, solar facility and groundwater protection. The board's vetting process complete, Durfee was to write the draft decision for the board's consumption at its next meeting.

In a public hearing briefly opened, Industrial Tower and Wireless LLC requested and got a continuance to April 12 at 7:00 pm for its Site Plan Review application for installation of a 190-foot, monopole, cell-phone tower on High Street. The continuance was requested by the applicant in the interests of completing its business with Rochester's Zoning Board of Appeals. Technical difficulties with remote access resulted in a pause of the meeting that necessitated a repeat of the continuance.

In her report to the board, Durfee said that it is grant season and she has two applications due on March 18. She said her work with the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) is crucial in gaining state approval for project funding.

Durfee also discussed the impending feasibility study that it is hoped will determined whether Rochester builds a combined facility for police and fire or separate facilities.

"I'd rather take the money we were going to put into a feasibility study and put it into (construction)," said Johnson, who said he doesn't believe a feasibility study will tell the town's residents anything they don't already know.

The board voted its approval in the declaration of trust in the Master Plan where it concerns the Village at Plumb Corner.

Durfee said three candidates have gone onto the second level of consideration for the job as board administrator.

The next meeting of the Rochester Planning Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, at 7:00 pm.

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Marina Expansion Unveiled

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

The former Leisure Shores Marina has undergone massive cleanup and improvements since being purchased by Buzzards Bay Management LLC, Ned and David Kaiser, sentiments expressed by Mattapoisett Conservation Commission Chairman Mike King on March 14.

Representing the marina's Notice of Intent filing was David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon and Leone, Inc. The proposed changes as detailed by Davignon include expansions both north and south of the current floating-dock configuration that would add 31 slip spaces, the replacement of a failing boat launch and the construction of a wave attenuation called a wave fence.

Davignon said multiple agencies would be involved in a number of permits and approvals from not only the local Concom but also Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, Natural Heritage, Army Corp of Engineers and the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act better known as MEPA. This would be the first of several meetings the local commission will be holding with the applicants, but sentiments ran high that the project would be good for the community.

King stated of the new slips and transient spaces planned, "The town will benefit from the revenue … it's good to see people investing in Mattapoisett."

While a deep dive on the boat ramp did take place with Davignon outlining the construction process, the only concern expressed by the board was the need to ensure there wasn't a presence of eelgrass in the construction zone. Another element touched upon was whether the wave fence might create a change in water flow that could result in below-surface flow changes.

King also asked that the applicants get letters from the harbormaster and the shellfish officer gathering their comments into the mix before issuing an order of conditions. The filing was continued to March 28.

In other business, a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Alan Apperson, 21 River Road, for the construction of an addition measuring 12 feet by 14 feet received a negative determination.

Certificates of compliance were requested by and approved for 122 and 123 Split Road Lane and 23 Shagbark Circle.

Two-year extensions were granted to the Town of Mattapoisett for Phase 1b of the bike path along Good Speed Island and for 4 Appaloosa Way for the construction of a single-family home. An amended order of conditions was also granted to Farland Corp. for the 4 Appaloosa Way property.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, March 28, at 6:30 pm.

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Solar Bylaw Back to Drawing Board

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

In early 2020, the Mattapoisett Planning Board began working on a solar bylaw that would put in place regulations on various sized solar arrays. From studying solar bylaws in other communities to attending conferences on the topic to working with legal teams, former Planning Board administrator Mary Crain and Planning Board member Janice Robins drafted several versions for the full board's review and consideration. But there have been fits and starts.

Crain stepped away from her position, and then there was the pandemic. This basically left Robbins

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pushing forward alone. With each edit, the full board would provide comments, but the task of writing the bylaw was primarily left with Robbins.

On March 9, the Planning Board held a public discussion to give residents the opportunity to vet the latest draft document that had been made available on the town's website for many weeks.

Upon opening the discussion, it didn't take long before Russell Chase questioned several parts of the text. "You shouldn't be considering kilowatts, you should be considering space," he stated.

Administrator of Assessing Kathy Costello supported Chase's comment. "He makes a good point that limiting the kilowatts doesn't accomplish anything. It kinds of penalizes a landowner as panels get more efficient, and you can produce more in that same amount of space. I don't think there's a reason to limit kilowatts," she said.

Robbins said in response that state guidelines had been used to draft the bylaw. "The intent was to control commercial arrays, not residential."

Costello then expressed concern that the latest draft was too restrictive and could result in revenue losses in the future. Costello has been vocal in her opinion that P.I.L.O.T. programs (payments in lieu of property taxes) brings new income to the town. She was instrumental in securing a Home Rule Petition for Mattapoisett that grants the town the authority to negotiate P.I.L.O.T. programs with solar developers. The request was passed by the legislature in July 2020.

Costello said, "We need to look at Mattapoisett as Mattapoisett and take a hard look at what we are planning, not killing possible revenue. Ninety-four percent of the town is residential, we need commercial development."

In follow-up correspondence with the Wanderer via email, Robbins stated, "The board has supported the idea that individual solar systems which service a residential property would not be subject to site plan review especially since they would be classified as small scale systems…I believe the current law on solar requires that towns permit solar installations subject to reasonable regulations." She also noted there was more work to be done on the draft and welcomed public input.

Costello commented that she was "shocked" no one from the Planning Board had included her in discussions on the matter. Robbins noted that public notices listed it as an agenda item for months and was "surprised" that Town Hall didn't know this was being developed.

In the end, it was determined that a public hearing on the solar bylaw previously planned for March 21 at 7:00 pm would go forward, providing another opportunity for the public to weigh in. It was also decided not to bring the bylaw to the May Spring Town Meeting.

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FY23 School Budget Approved

Marion School Committee

By Mick Colageo

On March 9, the Marion School Committee held the public hearing for the FY23 Marion school budget.

Handed the controls after opening remarks by Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber outlined the budget in a PowerPoint presentation.

The foundational approach has been to create a zero-based budget, cost-effective programming and staffing, forecast operational needs, achieve administration and department-based goals and a continuation of an all-funds budget approach.

The total cost of operating the Marion School District (a member of the ORR School District) was budgeted for $6,700,895 in FY22; that number is going up this year to $6,965,996, an increase of almost 4 percent.

The $6,965,996 figure encapsulates all operational costs including those related to the Bristol County Agricultural High School assessment. Bristol Aggie is down to $72,646 for FY23 from $126,744 in FY22 based on Marion student enrollment.

Funding offsets, which are up to $406,963 for FY23 from $244,080 in FY22, include: $134,020 in ESSER

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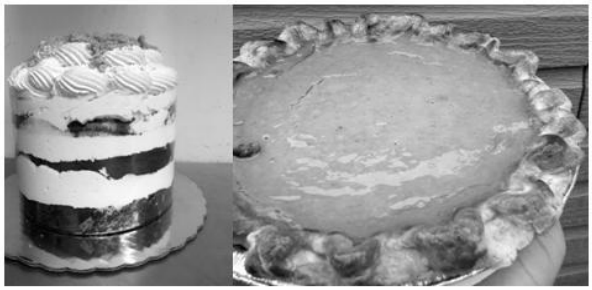

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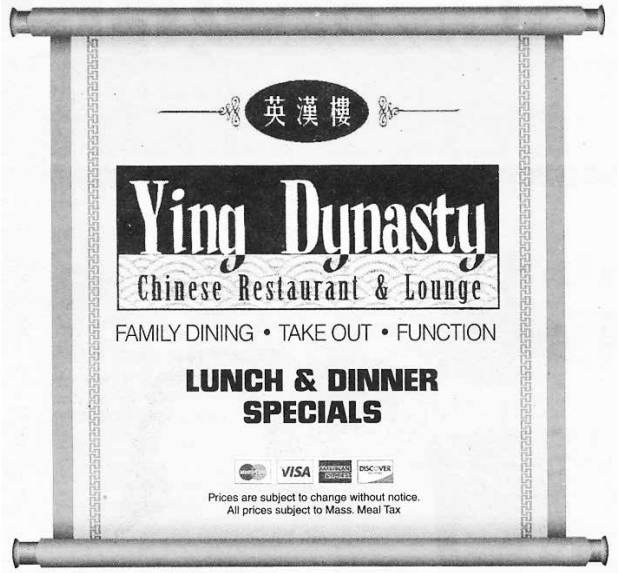

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funds, $92,000 IDEA Grant, $87,059 circuit breaker, $35,000 building use, $30,000 revolving funds, $21,000 Title 1 Grant and $5,500 state grants.

Sippican Elementary School's assessment-based budget for FY23 is $6,488,440, up $158,369 from $6,330,071 in FY22, a 2.5-percent increase.

The changes that contributed to the increase to a $6,488,440 building-based budget for FY23 include proposed staffing changes that are somewhat but not altogether grant funded. While an interventionist and lunch aide will be grant funded, a formerly 0.6 (part-time) Special Education Early Ed Paraprofessional on full time and a 0.4 increase in a social worker will not be grant funded.

From Nelson's perspective, meeting the needs associated with those increases is the top priority. "We're finally at a point where we're moving forward in that direction," he said, noting that the paraprofessional position is mandated but the social worker is not.

Budget changes not related to personnel include: under Student Services a $27,000 increase for speech-therapy services, decreases of $30,000 (tuition-based programs) and $23,000 (contracted student-support services,) under Facilities a $30,000 decrease for utility costs and under Transportation a $22,000 increase for collaborative education transportation costs.

Barber broke down the Bristol Aggie assessment, down $64,200 for FY23 based on a three-student reduction with increases of $4,700 for transportation costs and $5,400 in debt obligation. Based on October 1 enrollment, only one Marion student attends Bristol Aggie.

Chapter 70 (state) aid is projected at $1,041,767 for FY23, an increase in excess of 19 percent over FY22.

The superintendent's proposed FY23 assessment for Marion is $6,561,086, a 1.61-percent increase over the FY22 figure of $6,456,815. The committee unanimously voted to approve the budget.

While noting the many twists and turns that bring the budget process to conclusion, Nelson thanked the committee and those who served on the budget subcommittee. He also had kind words for Marion Finance Committee Chairman Shay Assad, whom he said attended each and every meeting and was "thoughtful and respectful" and provided guidance through the process.

Marion School Committee Chairperson April Nye thanked Sippican Elementary Principal Marla Sirois and members of the administration and the committee for making the budget understandable.

In other business, Nelson thanked Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Jannell Pearson-Campbell for her leadership and work in helping the school district respond to the state's Tiered Focused Monitoring Audit for English Language Learners. Marion was found to be in compliance.

The committee voted to approve the READS Collaborative capital plan with a limit of $4,000,000.

The committee also voted to approve a donation of $1,679.74 for school picture funding from Lifetouch.

Removal of COVID-19 precautions including masking were made to the Student Handbook, along with updates to the school counsel and school committee.

In her Principal's Report, Sirois said Sippican has started its Acceleration camp, which will continue into the middle of April. Committee member Nichole Daniel said her daughter is enjoying the program. Math classes are drawing 84 children and English Language 87. Sirois said that some are overlapping participants.

Sirois also noted the one-book, one-school event during February to celebrate Black History Month, partnering with Tri Town Against Racism and the Marion Art Center via its virtual art show.

Committee member Mary Beauregard reported on the January 25 meeting of the Anti-Racism Subcommittee, sharing how that each building has a cultural-proficiency team. She noted the Black History Month interactive calendar including activities.

The Early Childhood Office is developing appropriate curriculum in literacy and creating an environment where students can openly ask questions.

Beauregard also reported that the Anti-Racism Subcommittee has discussed a potential name change as it has evolved beyond anti-racism "to more of an inclusion of all - people who feel left out." The Anti-Racism Subcommittee will meet again on March 24.

The committee entered executive session to discuss collective bargaining and to comply with any law and only returned to adjourn the public meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion School Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, at 6:30 pm.

Barber's Budget Breakdown Welcomed by Committee

ORR School Committee

By Mick Colageo

The Old Rochester Regional School Committee applauded the work of Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber for making the FY23 school budget the most digestible one that the members had ever been asked to consume.

In a PowerPoint presentation that lasted less than an hour, Barber went through several slides breaking down and establishing the building blocks of the budgeting process, much of which is predetermined by state law. The nuances that affect the ORR School District's three member towns are more complicated, but Barber charted the course and took questions to clarify.

At the conclusion of open comment, the public hearing was closed, and the FY23 school budget was then unanimously approved by the committee.

"You did such an amazing job with slides to make them digestible for somebody who doesn't deal

with numbers all day," said committee member Margaret McSweeny. "In general, I just wanted to compliment you Howie for your work on this ... we are very lucky to have you."

The foundational aspects of the district's philosophy are: a zero-based budget; cost-effective programming and staffing based on enrollment; administration and department-based goals; and a continued all-funds budget approach.

In outlining the budget, Barber began his summary report by highlighting the building blocks that establish the total, anticipated, operations budget of $22,119,995, an increase of $945,357 over the FY22 operating budget. Barber cautioned that this figure was not the subject of the committee's vote at the conclusion of the public hearing, only a working figure.

The assessment-based budget figure that the committee voted to approve is $20,845,272. That number was established by applying $1,274,723 in financial offsets to the operations budget of $22,119,995 resulting in a District budget of $20,424,272, then adding $421,000 in capital stabilization for contracted repair to ORR's outdoor track.

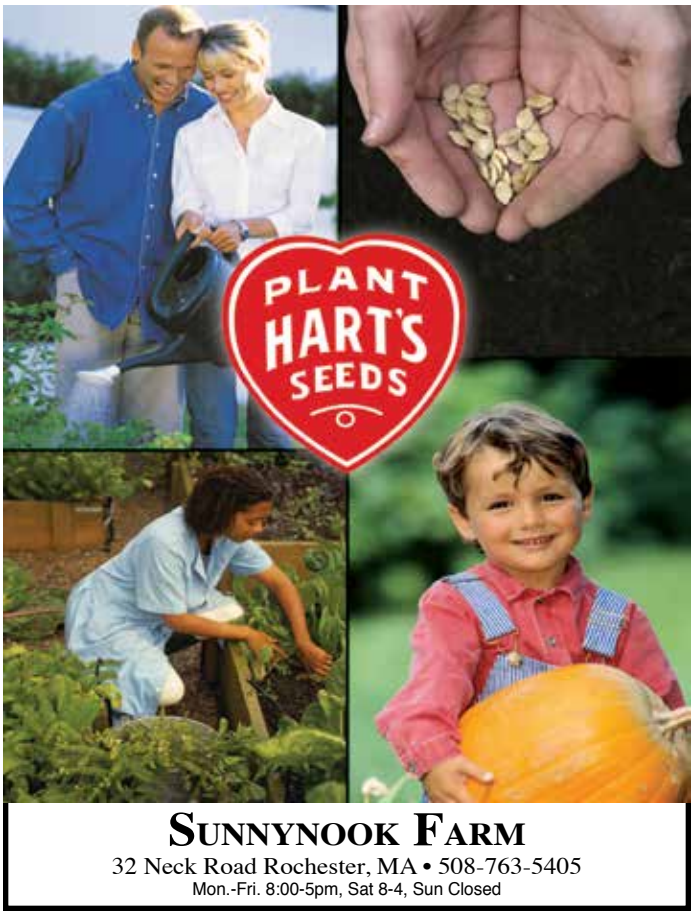
Committee member Matt Monteiro noted that a 4.77 percent increase across all of the towns in current dollars essentially asks people to pay less and asked Barber for confirmation. Barber didn't characterize the situation that way, but he clarified that this (budget) year is capital assessment, as in ORR's outdoor track.

"It includes the track and the new guidance counselor. The track's going to cost more if we don't do it now. I just want to say how much I appreciate the fact that we're not being asked to pay more," said Monteiro.

District union contracts comprise 56.54 percent of the budget.

Besides personal-service financial impacts, ORR is looking at a $119,000 increase in department and organization costs including agreements on health benefits, $20,000 in general insurance, $10,000 in Plymouth County retirement and $40,000 in obligations towards unemployment and other benefits.

The total funding offsets come from nine sources,



most prominently school choice at $580,000. The total offsets cover ORR's 11 paraprofessionals and two-and-one-third of teaching staff.

The assessment-based $20,845,272 budget figure represents a $949,306 increase over FY22. In addition to the $421,000 for the repair to the ORR track, alocations inside of the assessment budget figure include $703,418 in regional debt and $617,000 in regional transportation costs.

Determining district assessments is based on three- and five-year enrollment averages. In FY22, Mattapoisett has produced 36.9 percent of ORR District students, Rochester has had 32.85 percent and Marion 29.67 percent. These figures are purely residential and do not include school-choice students.

Enrollment in all three towns has consistently trended downward over the past five years. The 2017-18 school year began with 1,139 ORR District students, and as of the start of the current academic year was down to 988.

Minus Chapter 70 (state aid) and additional revenue-based assessment reductions totaling $3,434,440 and the minimum local contribution of $9,156,644, ORR's proposed FY23 budget is $6,512,770 "above minimal local contribution."

The state-required minimal contribution is actually down by 1.725 percent from FY22, but Marion is up by 2 percent while Mattapoisett (minus 3.294 percent) and Rochester (minus 3.782 percent) are both down as determined by the state. Adding in the agreement ($15,669,414 total,) the assessments are as follows: Marion at $5,034,815, Mattapoisett at $5,891,917 and Rochester at $4,742,682.

After the vote, ORR School Committee Chairperson Heather Burke thanked Jim Muse, Monteiro and Jason Chisholm for their work on the budget subcommittee.

The next meeting of the ORR School Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, at 6:30 pm, and the next meeting of the Joint School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, at 6:30 pm.

Tournament Runs Come to An End

Sports Roundup

By Matthew Curry

After successful seasons and strong starts to their state tournament campaigns, both of Old Rochester Regional High School's basketball teams saw their seasons come to an unfortunate end last week. After capping off the regular season as South Coast Conference champions, ORR's boys' and girls' teams went into the MIAA Division 3 playoffs seeded 12th and 9th, respectively.

After a strong start to the postseason on March 3 against Quabbin, the Lady Bulldogs faced the eighth-seeded East Bridgewater in a Round of 16 matchup on March 8, when their playoff run was stopped in its tracks in a 55-51 defeat. Logan Fernandes and Maggie Brogioli performed well in their final game, scoring 18 points and 13 points, respectively.

The boy's team, despite having a lower seed than their female counterparts, were able to make it further in the tournament.

On March 8, ORR faced off against fifth-ranked Swampscott in a high-scoring game that came down to the wire. Braden Yeomans scored 27 points, while Steven Morrell scored 23. In the end, however, it was Sawyer Fox who scored 15 total points in the game and hit the shot that sealed the 91-89 win for the Bulldogs in double overtime.

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10:30 AM Classroom Chronicle: Sports Edition
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Rob Surette SunnySpeak Interview
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Charles "Pete" Smith
3:02 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Mattapoisett Fire Station Grand Opening
5:00 PM A Conversation With…
5:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Alzheimer's Risks with Jennifer Hoadley
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Registers Report
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday March 18, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM Health Source
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
3:30 PM Armchair QB
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Housing Rights with MA Attorney General's Office
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
7:00 PM Rochester COA - Senior Scams
7:32 PM In the Toy Box
8:00 PM Mattapoisett Fire Station Grand Opening
9:00 PM The Non-Profit World
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday March 19, 2022
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Recovery Recreation TV
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations on Mental Health
11:00 AM Wellness Wednesday
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM SouthCoast Matters
2:00 PM Garden Therapy
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5:30 PM For Art's Sake
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
7:30 PM Let's Talk Business
8:00 PM City Hall Insider
8:30 PM Money Matters TV
9:00 PM Registers Report
9:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:00 PM 4 Deep Sports
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday March 20, 2022
6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM White House Chronicle
7:00 AM Smith Mills Christian Congregational Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Jonathan Howland
2:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Cardinal Spellman
3:30 PM Let's Talk Business
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8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Fan to Fan
9:30 PM Books and the World
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday March 21, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM Health Expert
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM White House Chronicle
11:00 AM Glass Studio on Cape Cod
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
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Tuesday March 22, 2022
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7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM You and Your Health
8:30 AM Health Expert
9:07 AM Wellness Wednesday
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM The Friends of Jack Foundation
11:30 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
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1:30 PM Garden Therapy Teas and Oils
2:00 PM The Non-Profit World
2:30 PM Garden Talk with Teresa
3:00 PM Car Enthusiasts with Richard Cutler
3:30 PM Life's Happy Stories
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Reel Smaht
5:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
5:35 PM Off the Shelf
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Money After Military - Finding a Job
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
9:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday March 23, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Wellness Wednesdays
2:30 PM Tax Assistance with VITA Program
3:00 PM Mattapoisett Police Chief Swear-In Ceremony
3:35 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs. Fairhaven
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:03 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Can Seaweed Feed & Fuel the Future?
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Marion Planning Board
8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
9:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
10:00 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee
12:00 PM ORR Regional School Committee
12:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
3:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Committee
3:30 PM Marion School Committee
5:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing
5:05 PM Marion Board of Health
6:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:00 PM Marion Planning Board
8:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
8:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
9:30 PM Marion Open Space Committee
10:30 PM Marion Board of Health
11:45 PM ORR Regional School Committee

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
11:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Rochester School Committee
2:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
2:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
3:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
4:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
6:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
7:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
10:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
11:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Old Colony Skills USA
8:00 AM Old Colony Drama - Shakespeare
11:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
11:30 AM ORR Pep Rally 2021
12:30 PM Form Concert
1:44 PM Sippican Talent Show 2020
2:16 PM Old Colony Boys Basketball vs Norfolk County
3:12 PM Old Colony Boys Basketball vs Upper Cape
4:12 PM Bulldog Weekly
4:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs. Cardinal Spellman
7:00 PM Old Colony Boys Basketball vs Upper Cape
8:00 PM ORR Graduation 2021
9:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs. Cardinal Spellman

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
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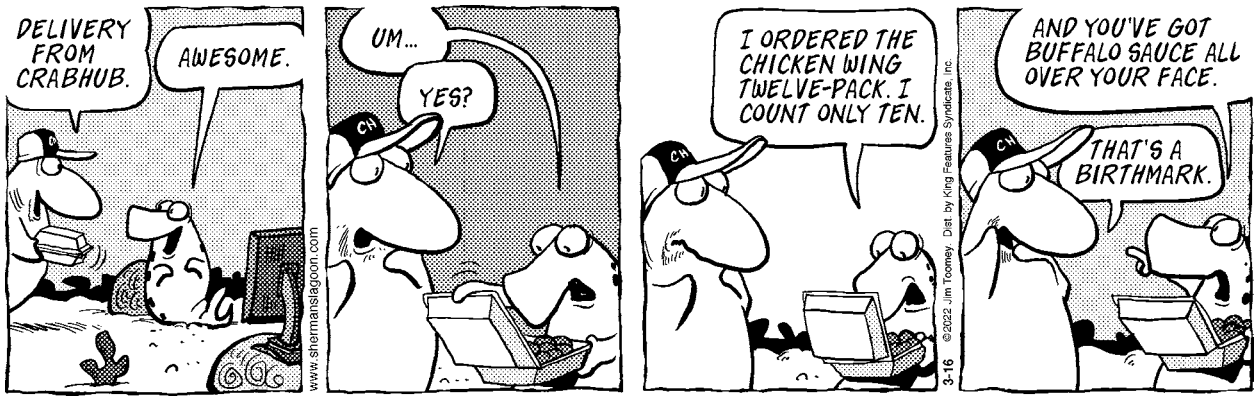
SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



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The Round of 16 win set the Bulldogs up for an elite-eight game against number-four seeded Norton. Unfortunately, their momentum was brought to a screeching halt in the game at Wheaton College on March 12. While Liam Geraghty was able to score 12 points, Steven Morrell scored 10 and Sawyer Fox scored 9, the game ended with ORR in a 20-point deficit.

Down 42-34 going into the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs were unable to stop the Lancers. Norton went on to score 17 more points in the last quarter, while ORR could only add 5. The game ended with a score of 59-39, as the winter sports season at Old Rochester came to an end.

Indoor Track

Old Rochester's Colby Gross competed in the 400 meters at New Balance Indoor Nationals on March 11 at the Armory Track & Field Center in New York. Gross placed 44th in the preliminaries with a time of 51.95 seconds.

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Tracy Named MASCAC Women's Lacrosse Player of the Week

Bridgewater State University senior attack Katherine Tracy has been selected as the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Women's Lacrosse Player of the Week.

Tracy tallied six goals and four assists for ten points in a 1-1 week for the Bears. The Marion, Massachusetts product also added a pair of ground balls.

Tracy scored four goals, including the game-winner in overtime, dished out an assist and recorded a

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Movie Review

Everything Is Fine

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Eraserhead* (1977). Starring Jack Nance and Charlotte Stewart. Directed by David Lynch. Running time: 89 minutes. No MPAA rating. Available on physical and streaming home media.**

David Lynch's *Eraserhead* (celebrating the 45th anniversary of its first showing on March 19) announced the arrival of a quintessentially American surrealist, a guy who could cheerfully attend a neighbor's backyard barbecue and then get profoundly upsetting ideas out of it. As Lynch became better known later on, and more people encountered his genuinely gee-whiz personality, *Eraserhead* became somewhat easier to read — though Lynch typically wasn't any help when it came to unlocking the film's thematic and imagistic mysteries. It was easy to assume that Lynch was merely a downtown hipster making fun of wholesome Americans; Roger Ebert based half his *Blue Velvet* pan on his interpretation of Lynch "prancing on with a top hat and cane, whistling that it was all in fun." But Lynch is one of the great appreciators in movies; some of his villains may be mean-spirited, but he himself never is.

So in *Eraserhead*, when Henry (Jack Nance) goes to see his estranged girlfriend Mary X (Charlotte Stewart) and wades into the most excruciatingly awkward family dinner since Tobe Hooper's *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, the humor derives not from goofing on Mary's oddball parents but from Henry's blocked, terrified reactions to them. We imagine this is how Henry *sees* the parents — menacing, weird, broken in a variety of ways. The whole film can be seen as a man's subjective, anxiety-ridden (and resentful) response to becoming an unwilling husband and father: Henry has been invited to the X household to be told that "there's a baby — it's at the hospital — and you're the father." "They're not even sure it *is* a baby," sobs the constantly sobbing Mary, who "hasn't been around much" because she's presumably been busy carrying and delivering the not-even-sure-it-*is*-a-baby.

From that viewpoint, *Eraserhead* has a clear narrative. The baby, grotesquely deformed and continually mewling in a ghastly parody of an infant crying, is brought home. Mary can't take it any more and leaves. Henry is tempted by a Dark Lady (the Beautiful Girl Across the Hall) and a Lady of Light (the Lady in the Radiator), just like Jeffrey Beaumont in *Blue Velvet* and, well, at least one character in almost every David Lynch project. Madonna/whore (though in this chaotic universe, the whore seems literally to be a whore and the Madonna sports what appear to be facial tumors). Henry gets release from the whore but finds transcendence with the Madonna. In Lynch's hands, these are archetypes, not sexist tropes.

The baby, about whose behind-the-scenes genesis Lynch has remained silent, is the monster and the hero of the piece, to my mind. It is repulsive and demanding, but one's heart goes out to it anyway. The baby, after all, is innocent and never asked to be born into this stark nightmare world — nor did Henry or Mary. The film levels such a powerful disgust towards (yet fixation on) sperm, vaginas, and the slimy detritus of birth that any attempt to label it as pro-choice or anti-abortion will be doomed to failure. Lynch looks at the primordial ooze of the stuff of life and regards it with the queasy fascination we reserve for squirming things under rocks.

As pure cinema, *Eraserhead* is in a world unto itself, writing and obeying its own oblique rules. Alan Splet's needling, deep-bass, industrial-apocalyptic sound design is a major character. The Lady in the Radiator, a reported eleventh-hour addition by Lynch, looks like a wholesome sweetie out of a '20s silent comedy but stomps with obvious relish on a series of umbilical-looking creatures; she also croons the sort of wistful, simplistic ditty Lynch has become known for in his later collaborations with Angelo Badalamenti. "In Heaven," she assures us, "everything is fine." At other times, Henry sits in his bleak apartment and listens to Fats Waller on the turntable. Otherwise, the film seems to exist outside of culture.

Eraserhead has been called everything from a horror movie to a jet-black comedy to (in Lynch's words) "a dream of dark and troubling things." It's all and none of these. Really, all someone can do is to say, simply, "It's *Eraserhead*," and if you've seen it you know, and if you haven't seen it there's no way you *can* know. It has its ancestors, and God knows it has its imitators, but its genius is that it builds a highly specific yet maddeningly elusive dreamscape in our heads, and it looks different to everyone. It is both dreamlike, in the lulling, mesmeric sense, and nightmarish, sometimes both at once. It feels like a fever dream sweated out over the course of five years.

Visually, it's a silent movie, with Jack Nance walking stiffly through industry-blasted landscapes like a silent comedian with no physical elegance; sonically, it's a symphony of the damned rotting and rusting at the bottom of a frozen lake of muck. It remains Lynch at his purest and most devoted, blissfully unconcerned with anything outside the view of his camera or the range of Alan Splet's microphone. Orson Welles famously likened moviemaking to the best set of toy trains a boy could have, but he never said the toy trains couldn't be oxidized and decayed and rolling over pulsating sluglike things.

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ground ball in a 16-15 victory at Birmingham-Southern College. She also notched two goals and three assists to go along with a ground ball in a 13-12 setback at Sewanee.

In five games this season, Tracy has recorded seven goals and four assists for 11 points.

In 37 games over four seasons with the Bears, Tracy has amassed 51 goals and 19 points for 70 points as well as 23 ground balls, 15 draw controls and 9 caused turnovers.

The BSU women's lacrosse team is currently 2-3 on the season. The Bears entertain Wheaton College on Wednesday night at seven.

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OBITUARIES

Warren Bryden Bowman, 82, of Mattapoisett passed away Wednesday March 9, 2022 at Tobey Hospital after a long illness. He was the husband of Genevieve A. (Avila) Bowman; they were married for nearly 60 years.

Born in Mattapoisett, the son of the late Alexander Bates Bowman and Edna (Morrell) Bowman, he lived in Mattapoisett all of his life.

Warren was formerly a self-employed carpenter until his retirement.

He enjoyed fishing, working on his clocks, and spending time with his granddaughters. He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force from 1957-1960.

He is survived by his wife, Genevieve; his daughter, Sherry Normand and her husband Peter; his granddaughters, Cassie and Elisa Normand; his siblings, June Emerson, Nancy Borden, Joyce Gagnon, Joan Garib, Frank Bowman, Sandra Dittoe, and David Bowman; and many nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Alexander Bowman, John Bowman, Wesley Bowman, and Edna Hebert.

A celebration of his life will be held later this summer. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Emma Elizabeth Whittaker, 15, of Rochester passed away Wednesday February 16, 2022. She is survived by her parents, Phillip and Jessica, her brother Liam (her most favorite person), aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents. In addition to her family, she is survived by the most amazing friend-family a person could dream of having.

A celebration of Emma's life will be held on April 9, 2022 at 11 am at Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy, Marion, MA. The Emma Whittaker Fund has been established at the Southcoast Community Foundation to honor her life and continue to support the causes most important to Emma. Donations may be made at https://southcoastcf.org/. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights March 6-March 12
- Creek Rd – Road hazard
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Ichabod Ln – Officer wanted
- Island Wharf Rd – General services
- Spring St – A&B/past
- Spring St – Parking enforcement
- Delano Rd – Animal bite
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Larceny/past
- Front St – General service
- Wareham Rd – Follow up
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Lost property
- Briggs Ln – Officer wanted
- Village Dr – Health/welfare
- Island Wharf Rd – Lost property
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Teel St – Animal bite
- Spring St – MV collision
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Mill St – MV stop/citation
- Front St – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – Paper service

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights March 6-March 12
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Suspicious MV
- Prospect Rd – Open door
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Union Ave – Suspicious MV
- Aucoot Rd – General service
- Acushnet Rd – General service
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Bay Club Dr - Threats
- Water St – Follow up investigation
- North St – MV violations
- Shore Dr – 911 call
- Aucoot Rd – Medical alarm
- Pine Island Rd – Animal control
- Byrne Ave – Animal control
- Industrial Dr – MV violations
- North St – Suspicious MV
- Main St – Animal control
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – Follow up investigation
- North St – 911 call
- Tallman St – MV violations
- Marion Rd – Harassment service
- River Rd - Complaint
- County Rd – 911 call
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Bike Path – Assist other agency
- Holly Woods Rd – General service
- North St – MV violations
- Marion Rd – MV violations

ROCHESTER
Log highlights March 6-March 12
- Kings Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – Noise complaint
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious activity
- Benjamin Dr - Medical
- Kings Hwy - Medical
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Pierce St – Suspicious activity
- Springwood Dr – Follow up
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd - Medical
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Wordell St – Message delivery
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- North Ave - Medical
- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Kings Hwy – 911 call
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Alley Rd – Noise complaint
- Constitution Way – Parking complaint
- Hartley Rd – 911 call
- Dexter Ln – Suspicious activity
- Cushman Rd – General services
- Rt 495 South – MV collision
- Mattapoisett Rd - Medical

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, Mar 21: Shepherd's pie, green beans, dinner roll, pears
Tuesday, Mar 22: Mac n' cheese, tomatoes & spinach, wheat roll, Mandarin oranges
Wednesday, Mar 23: Turkey w/gravy, cranberry sauce (2), mashed potatoes, winter squash, honey wheat bread, vanilla pudding, diet: sugar free pudding
Thursday, Mar 24: Polish cabbage casserole, beets, oatmeal roll, peaches
Friday, Mar 25: "Catch of the Day", lemon dill sauce, Delmonico potatoes, California blend, whole wheat bread, pineapple

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, Mar 21: Crispy whole grain chicken nuggets, roasted chickpeas, oven baked potato wedges, fun size chips
Tuesday, Mar 22: BBQ pork sandwich, onion rings, BBQ baked beans, applesauce cup
Wednesday, Mar 23: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, carrots, cheese stick, cinnamon spiced apples
Thursday, Mar 24: Warm turkey croissant, hash browns, carrots
Friday, Mar 25: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, Mar 21: Crispy whole grain chicken nuggets, roasted chickpeas, oven baked potato wedges, fun size chips
Tuesday, Mar 22: BBQ pork sandwich, onion rings, BBQ baked beans, applesauce cup
Wednesday, Mar 23: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, carrots, cheese stick, cinnamon spiced apples
Thursday, Mar 24: Warm turkey croissant, hash browns, carrots
Friday, Mar 25: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, Mar 21: Crispy whole grain chicken nuggets, roasted chickpeas, oven baked potato wedges, fun size chips
Tuesday, Mar 22: BBQ pork sandwich, onion rings, BBQ baked beans, applesauce cup
Wednesday, Mar 23: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, carrots, cheese stick, cinnamon spiced apples
Thursday, Mar 24: Warm turkey croissant, hash browns, carrots
Friday, Mar 25: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, Mar 21: Crispy whole grain chicken nuggets, roasted chickpeas, oven baked potato wedges, fun size chips
Tuesday, Mar 22: BBQ pork sandwich, onion rings, BBQ baked beans, applesauce cup
Wednesday, Mar 23: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, carrots, cheese stick, cinnamon spiced apples
Thursday, Mar 24: Warm turkey croissant, hash browns, carrots
Friday, Mar 25: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, Mar 21: Crispy whole grain chicken nuggets, roasted chickpeas, oven baked potato wedges, fun size chips
Tuesday, Mar 22: BBQ pork sandwich, onion rings, BBQ baked beans, applesauce cup
Wednesday, Mar 23: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, carrots, cheese stick, cinnamon spiced apples
Thursday, Mar 24: Warm turkey croissant, hash browns, carrots
Friday, Mar 25: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, Mar 21: Tacos: salsa, cheese, lettuce, tomato, corn & black beans in a taco shell or over rice
Tuesday, Mar 22: Chicken nuggets, fires & bread
Wednesday, Mar 23: Chicken parmesan & spaghetti
Thursday, Mar 24: Hot dog & fries
Friday, Mar 25: Assorted pizza

Diverse Family Portrait Project

TTAR is excited to announce they are teaming up with the Mattapoisett Museum to celebrate diverse families in the Tri-Town with our Diverse Family Portrait Project.

Portraits of diverse families in our community will be taken free of charge (however donations will be accepted and appreciated) by our amazing volunteer professional photographers, Maggie by the Millimeter and Janelle LaPointe Photography on **April 2 and 3** location TBD. Diverse families who are interested in being featured in the exhibit can sign up here: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMZPI4ibH27Y5X9rbLh2eaHlk28OhT8gsWQWbpOT0dTQ4Adg/viewform?usp=sf_link.

Portraits will be displayed at the Mattapoisett Museum. The Diverse Family Portraits Exhibit opening reception will be held at Mattapoisett Museum on **April 26** at 6:30pm.

We cannot wait to celebrate the diverse families of the Tri-Town with this very special project.

Mattapoisett Lions Annual Egg Hunt

The Mattapoisett Lions Club Annual Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 11:00 am sharp at Ned's Point Lighthouse, 50 Ned's Point Road, Mattapoisett. The event is free, no registration required. Kids, bring your egg baskets.

Kevin Tavares Appointed Principal of Old Hammondtown

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to announce that Kevin Tavares, current associate principal of Old Hammondtown School/Center School has been appointed as the new principal of Old Hammondtown School.

Tavares will assume the position on July 1 following the retirement of Principal Rose Bowman. He has been serving as the associate principal of the Old Hammondtown and Center schools since July 2014.

"Having spent close to 30 years at Old Hammondtown School in various roles, I know what a welcoming place our school is with caring, engaging educators and wonderful, curious students," Tavares said. "I am thrilled to be stepping into this role and will continue working to enrich our school's learning environment and supporting our students, educators and families however I can."

Tavares began as a classroom teacher at Old Hammondtown School in 1994, teaching in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades and as a science lab instructor between 1994-2014.

In his time with the Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55, Tavares has served on many committees including curriculum and planning committees, interview and candidate search committees and has served as the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) School Accreditation Chairman and Steering Committee Coordinator, among other positions.

"Kevin has been a valuable member of the Mattapoisett Schools for much of his career and has shown to be a tremendous educator, mentor and leader," Superintendent Nelson said. "I look forward to seeing how he will lead the Old Hammondtown School and build upon the work he has done as associate principal and the relationships he has formed within the school community."

Tavares holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Bridgewater State University and a Master of Education in Leadership and Administration from

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TriTown Happenings

Kyle Kossak caused some concern when he was spotted in his kayak in Hiller Cove off Aucoot Road, but it turns out the mechanical engineer from Newport, Rhode Island, was not shell fishing, he was cleaning up trash along Mattapoisett's shoreline. For several years now, Kossak has made a weekly hobby of picking out spots along the southern New England shoreline, taking his kayak out to selected sites and retrieving trash. Photo courtesy of Town of Mattapoisett

Mattapoisett artist Charles W. Stockbridge's paintings are on display at the Mattapoisett Public Library now through April 15. Stockbridge is also scheduled to conduct two, one-hour painting demonstrations at the library on March 27 at 2:00 pm and again on April 20 at 6:30 pm.

The Marion Natural History Museum's Wednesday morning group had a wonderful time last week hearing about our local butterflies and how to attract them to our yards. Joe Dwelly, a Yarmouth resident, shared his expertise on butterfly life cycles, habitat requirements and migration patterns. He covered some of our migratory butterflies versus nonmigratory and how to identify several of our local species. Joe went over some specific host plants for certain species' reproduction needs and the plants which provide food sources for energy for migration. Joe also suggested some of the best locations to view the species such the Spicebush Swallowtail, Baltimore Checkerspot and many others. The Marion Natural History Museum wishes to thank Joe for his informative program. Please check out the Museum's website to view our upcoming programs at www.marionmuseum.org. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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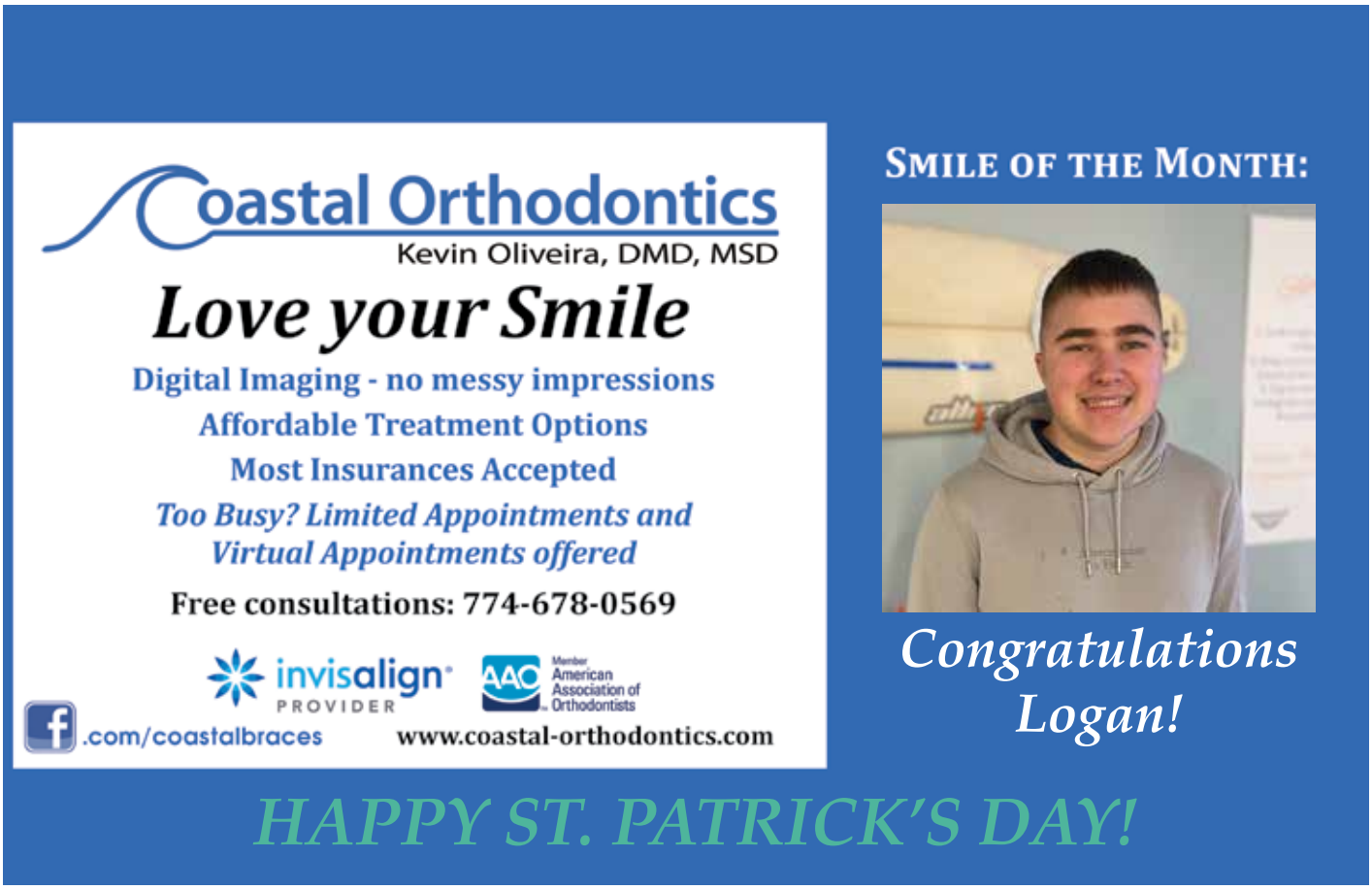
Fitchburg State University.

With Tavares' appointment, the principalships for the Old Hammondtown and Center schools will also be restructured. Beginning in July, each school will have an individual principal rather than a principal and associate principal shared between the schools.

The superintendent's office will begin the search



TriTown Happenings

Graham Correia completed his cross-country run from Denver, Colorado, to Massachusetts on Sunday, March 13, at his parents' home in North Rochester where he was greeted by his parents Gary and Robin and dozens of family members and friends from various times and places in his life. Correia was accompanied for the final five miles by former Mattapoisett Road Race champion Jason Eddy, with whom he grew up. The emotional welcome was the culmination of Correia's 1,970-mile therapeutic exercise that he says is only the beginning of his life of recovery as an alcohol and drug addict. Correia thanked everyone who attended for their support. His run, which began on January 1 and included daily runs of up to 40 miles per day, was taken up to promote the Herren Project that supports those struggling with addiction. Photos by Mick Colageo

The Grade 2 basketball playoffs brought out the best in March 10 action at Center School in Mattapoisett. The Warriors earned their spot in the championship game with a big, 10-2 victory over the Heat, while the Knicks advanced to the title game, narrowly edging the Celtics, 10-8. In the final, 10-2, the Warriors defeated the Knicks, 24-14. Photos by Ryan Feeney

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for a principal for the Center School, and a search committee will be established to give input on the process and candidates. Information regarding the search and opportunities for community participation will be shared as it becomes available.

Rochester Cultural Council Grants

The Rochester Cultural Council is excited to announce that it has awarded $5,200 in grant funds to support 12 projects in 2022. Grants in amounts ranging from $150 to $800 were awarded in the categories of arts, science and humanities, and emphasis was placed on funding programs and activities taking place in town.

The council extends its congratulations to Rochester's 2022 grant recipients and encourages residents to be on the lookout for upcoming events and offerings from the following groups/organizations:

- Mr. Vinny the Bubble Guy show at the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library
- Hip Hop Dance Chair Exercise for Seniors at the Rochester Council on Aging
- Signs, Maps and Celebration exhibit at the Rochester Historical Society
- Complementary Senior Tickets for the Tri-County Music Association
- Environmental Education Programs from the Mattapoisett Land Trust Education Committee
- to History 2022 at the Old Colony Historical Society
- Chalk-Full-O-Fun Festival hosted by the Onset Bay Association
- Discover Buzzards Bay: Rochester programming from The Coalition for Buzzards Bay
- Rochester Trail Tales from the Rochester Land Trust
- "Money Wise Kids" Financial Literacy Fair at Rochester Memorial School, coordinated by Alison Bosma
- The Soule Music Series at the Soule Homestead Education Center
- Lunabotics Junior Contest at Rochester Memorial School

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For more information about the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the grant application process, go to MassCulturalCouncil.org. The new grant cycle begins September 1 and runs through October 15.

The Rochester Cultural Council is also recruiting new members! Please visit our town website at www.townofrochestermass.com/cultural-council and get in touch with a member of the council to learn more.

Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging

During the months of February and March, The Friends of the Council on Aging in Mattapoisett hold their annual membership drive. We are hoping that if you

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6 Least hilly
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20 Adult insect stage
21 Irish moss or nori
22 Insect's egg capsule
23 Steady job, say
25 Money, slangily
26 Egg on
27 See 110-Across
28 One — kind
30 Israeli politician Weizman
31 Waikiki locale
33 Catholic liturgy
35 Steak/lobster combo dish
39 Leave behind
41 Aquarium shop supply
42 Endowing organization
45 Didn't allow to pass, as a bill
50 Swimmer Gertrude
51 "— the night before ..."
54 Novelist — Stanley Gardner
55 Pass, as a bill
59 "Lady Love" singer Rawls
60 Really hate
62 Jeans brand
63 Recline lazily
64 Regulating system
67 Main nun
69 Nest egg abbr.
70 Estevez of "Tex"
71 Attractive
78 Tesla's Musk
79 Volley starter
80 Flora and fauna
81 GPS display
82 Vogue thing
83 Uruguay's Punta del —
84 Good buds
85 Campout fuel
87 Suffer from hunger
89 Like an attention-grabbing actor
96 Unrefined petroleum
99 Eppie who's known as Ann Landers
100 Home-state candidate
104 Skillful feat
106 Clodhopper
107 Pitcher Hershiser
108 Grassy tract
109 Deceive
110 With 27-Across, makeshift sheds
112 Theater area
114 What the starts of seven answers in this puzzle might do?
121 California beach city
122 Online merchants
123 Sharpens
124 Appraise
125 Sign on a dead-end street
126 Start

DOWN
1 Grafton's "— for Ricochet"
2 "If u ask me ..."
3 Singer Sarah
4 Bad way for a ship to run
5 "Livin' La Vida —" (1999 #1 hit)
6 Swing to and —
7 Some jabs in the ring
8 "Ciao!," in Chihuahua
9 Gets bronze
10 Special attention, for short
11 Conceit
12 Singer Cooke
13 Start a golf hole
14 Longtime Russian dynasty members
15 Large gametes
16 "Carmen" composer Georges
17 D-Max pickup truck maker
18 Appellation bestower
19 Neck warmer
24 Halley of Halley's comet
29 — Schwarz (toy store)
31 Clodhopper
32 — Dhabi
34 San — (Texas city near Abilene)
35 Ungodliness
36 The Trojans of the NCAA
37 Musical beat
38 1950s prez
40 Losing effort?
41 Add-on charge
43 Cal's twin in "East of Eden"
44 Fill to excess
46 More itty-bitty
47 Redenbacher of popcorn
48 Omission of a syllable
49 Archbishop Tutu
52 Affliction
53 Projectile path
55 Slips by
56 Most majestic
57 Calgary locale
58 Meat cutter
60 Large artery
61 Ho-hum
62 Hasty escape
64 2000-15 CBS drama
65 Prison melee
66 Laugh half
68 ND-to-LA dir.
72 Rockets' gp.
73 Actor Gerard
74 Chucks out
75 Art Deco artist
76 Summers, in Somme
77 Dr. Seuss' title turtle
82 Warty hopper
84 Very risky
85 Hit sketch show since '75
86 Tattooing tool
88 Outmoded TV adjunct
90 Aviary sound
91 A, in Berlin
92 Classic Chrysler
93 Heat-attached patches
94 Prefix with natal
95 Mutt's threat
97 Adaptable truck, in brief
98 Stun with sound
100 Pro — (perfunctory)
101 Opera songs
102 Osso buco meats
103 "Kukla, Fran and —"
104 Carpentry peg
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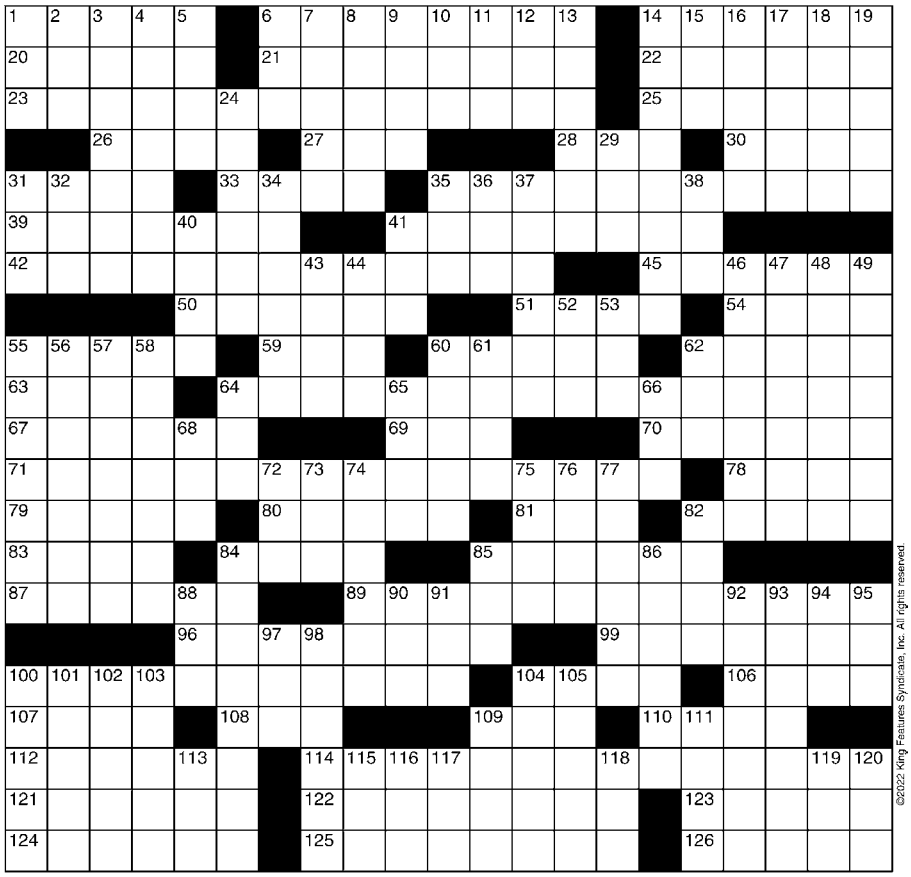

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep an open mind about a suggestion you see as unworkable. Give it a chance to prove itself one way or another. The results could surprise both supporters and detractors.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) News about an upcoming venture causes you to make some last-minute adjustments in your plans. But the extra work will pay off, as you come to learn more about the potential benefits opening up.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A more positive aspect grows out of your determination to reach your immediate goals. Continue to keep your focus sharp and on target by steering clear of petty quarrels and other pesky problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) By acting as a voice of reason, you can avoid adding to an already turbulent situation. You might have to shout over the tumult, but your words ultimately will be heard and heeded.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The possibility of a new acquisition always makes those Leonine eyes light up. But be careful that what you see is what you want. Appearances often can be deceiving.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) No matter how much you might feel that you're in the right, resist saying anything that could reignite a still-unresolved situation. Let the matter drop, and move on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Help with a personal problem comes from an unexpected source. You also find workplace pressures easing. Use this period of calm to restore your spent energies.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to share the credit for that project you're working on. But there'll be enough credit to go around, and your efforts will be recognized and rewarded.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Details need to be dealt with before you can move on to another area. Make sure you don't leave any loose ends that could later cause everything to unravel.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) News about a change in the workplace carries with it a challenge you could find difficult to resist. Check it out. It could be just what you've been waiting for.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Allowing your artistic nature full expression will help restore your spirits and will put you in the mood to take on that new career challenge. A Libra creates excitement.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Expect to happily plunge right into a hectic social whirl starting at week's end. Your aspects favor new friendships as well as the strengthening of old relationships.

BORN THIS WEEK: Like St. Patrick (who was also born this week), your spiritual strength is an inspiration to others.

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have been a member of the Friends, you will renew your membership. If you have never been a member, please considering joining.

Throughout the year, the Friends of the COA work to raise money used to support activities for and provide small remembrances to the seniors in the town of Mattapoisett.

Our annual fundraisers have included raffles, plant sales, pie sale. The Friends sell a variety of merchandise items specific to Mattapoisett. These include T-shirts, sweatshirts, car stickers and koozies. The Friends have a small store in the Council on Aging area of the Center School where these items can be purchased. There are also items for sale at the Town Hall and at our booth during Harbor Days.

With the money raised, the Friends are able to provide birthday cards to seniors over the age of 90, a birthday gift for seniors age 100 and over. Local nursing homes receive small favors for their Mattapoisett residents during the year. The Friends also have three luncheons a year for our town's Seniors.

The Friends of the Council on Aging need people to assist with our fundraising events and to work on the projects that raise the money needed to continue this support of Mattapoisett Seniors. Please consider joining our organization and becoming an active member. Look for information on our fundraising events and senior activities in the upcoming months.

Mattapoisett Museum

Mattapoisett Museum announces an evening of Celtic music with Sam Babineau on **March 19**, at 7 pm. Register here: www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/events.

Sam Babineau is a songwriter and fiddle player hailing from the South Coast of Massachusetts. She tells personal stories with her songwriting that echo traditional music blended with modern zest. Her introduction to Irish playing came with her involvement in Irish step at the age of 10 and since then, her fiddling has evolved to accompany others and herself. For songwriting inspiration, she may look to artists like The Staves or to more traditional influences such as Lady Maisery and Sam Lee.

Sam can be found in a wide variety of settings, a testament to her versatility and ability to continue expanding her craft. She often tours with singer-songwriter Grace Morrison and has recently accompanied Grace in settings like Falcon Ridge Festival and SERFA. Sam can also be found entertaining patrons with her fiddling at King Richard's Faire in Carver. She frequently plays funk and dance tunes with the New Bedford-based band, Nothing but the Rain. She has been passing along her knowledge at Southcoast Lessons in New Bedford for a year now. She is currently living in Boston. You can learn more about Sam here: www.sambabineau.com.

This event is free but donations are graciously accepted. Registration is required due to capacity limits.

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing has been scheduled for March 22, 2022, at 6:45 pm, in the first-floor conference room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA. Hearing will also be available through ZOOM (Select Board meeting) upon the application submitted by Michael Ward seeking an additional .37 of seasonal acreage in Brandt Island Cove next to marina.

Location Coordinates for additional acreage:

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A copy of supporting documentation, and map associated with the request are available at the Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm.

Jordan C. Collyer, Chair
Jodi L. Bauer, Vice-Chair, R. Tyler Macallister, Clerk 3/10, 3/17

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
ORR SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Chapter 76, Section 12B of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a public hearing of the Old Rochester School Committee regarding school choice for the 2022-2023 school year at 6:30 pm, on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Please note that this meeting will be held remotely. To attend the meeting, please use the link or login information below.

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Meeting ID: 955 4221 7677
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If you need additional login information, please contact the Superintendent’s Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956. 3/17

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Christian Farland of Farland Corp, 21 Ventura Drive, Dartmouth, MA. The proposed project is to construct a single family dwelling and all associated grading and utilities. The project is located at 0 Martha’s Vineyard Drive, and is further identified as Lot 13 on Assessor Map 106.15

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Daniel & Kimberlee Nashold, 15 Snow Fields Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to install a 30 foot above ground round pool which will be 80 feet from wetlands. The project is located at 15 Snow Fields Road, and is further identified as Lot 26 (subdivision lot #1) on Assessor Map 28.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Mattapoisett Boatyard, Inc. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The Applicant proposes to remove and replace 15- boat mooring piles and to remove and reconstruct two pile supported piers (lengths = 25’ and 40’) which were previously authorized under Chapter 91 Waterways License Plan No. 1259.

The proposed work will be performed within Land Under Ocean, Land Containing Shellfish and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 21). The property is located at 32 Ned’s Point Road which is further identified as Lot #120 on Assessors Map #7.

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The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Emmjay Realty LLC, 13 Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to install concrete support pads for storage containers with roof deck between containers; mitigate roof runoff & stabilize eroded slope at edge of wetland. The project is located at 13 Industrial Drive, and is further identified as Lot 33A on Assessor Map 26.

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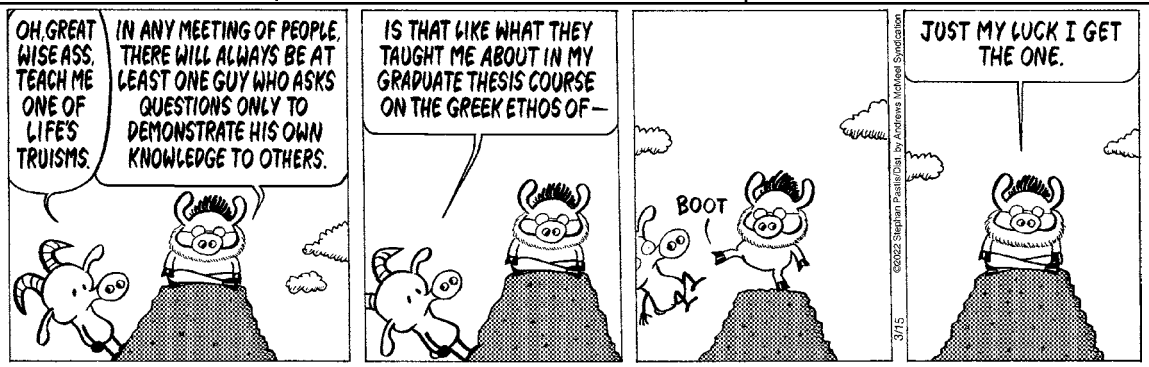
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



Doors will be open at 6:30 pm, performance starts at 7 pm. Please use the side entrance of the Carriage House.

Mattapoisett Library Purrington Lecture Series

The Spring 2022 Purrington Lecture Series starts on Saturday, **March 26** at 2 pm with a presentation by author Maureen Boyle on her book, Shallow Graves: The Hunt for the New Bedford Highway Serial Killer. Maureen Boyle, an award-winning journalist, has been a crime reporter in New England for more than 25 years and was the first reporter to cover the serial killings in New Bedford, Mass. detailed in Shallow Graves. She holds an undergraduate degree in journalism from the University of Bridgeport in Bridgeport, Conn. and a master's degree in criminal justice from Anna Maria College in Paxton, Mass. She is now director of the Journalism Program at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass. This event will be held in person and can be viewed remotely. To participate virtually, please email to jjones@sailsinc.org.

In April, Hank Phillippi Ryan will speak about her new title, Her Perfect Life, via Zoom on Tuesday, **April 12** at 6:30 pm. Hank Phillippi Ryan is the USA Today bestselling author of 13 thrillers, winning five Agathas, the Mary Higgins Clark Award and 37 Emmys for investigative reporting. The First To Lie (2020) garnered a Publishers Weekly starred review and is an Anthony and Mary Higgins Clark Award nominee. Her newest is Her Perfect Life, a chilling psychological standalone about fame, family and revenge with starred reviews from Kirkus and Publishers Weekly, which called it "A superlative thriller." Registration is necessary to participate via Zoom; register on our online calendar of events or email to jjones@sailsinc.org.

The final event of the series is a concert on Friday, **May 20** at 2 pm featuring Larksgrove. Blending classical and traditional music, the duo Larksgrove brings a fresh voice to the concert hall. Their unique interpretations of the classics and novel arrangements of traditional fiddle tunes infuse their performances with inventiveness and surprise. Equally at home in the concert hall and the dance hall, Peter Zay, cello and guitar, and EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, violin and fiddle, enjoy the challenge of playing new styles of music and difficult repertoire, and their performances reveal the comfort and delight they glean from creative collaboration.

Other events for adults in March:

Sunday Book Club reviews The Madness of Crowds on Sunday, **March 20** at 2 pm.

Well-Read Wednesday chats about Let Me Tell You What I Mean on Wednesday, **March 23** at 6:30 pm.

For more information about these events or to register, email to jjones@sailsinc.org. Check the library's events calendar for more upcoming programs and book discussions.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

In the early days of shoemaking in England, there was a distinct difference between a shoemaker, originally known as a cordwainer, and a cobbler. A cordwainer made shoes and used good quality, thick leather. Legally, a cobbler was only allowed to repair shoes and only had access to used or inferior leather. These rules crossed the Atlantic to America with the early colonists and continued into the 1700's.

However, the tools used by both were very similar. Awls were used to punch holes into the leather to facilitate the sewing together of the upper and lower pieces of the shoe. Marking wheels marked where holes and needle should go. Hot burnishers rubbed soles and heels to a shine, while sole knives were used to shape the soles. There were also stretching pliers for stretching the leather uppers and size sticks. None of these tools took up a great deal of space. A cobbler might have a bench and tools in a room or a small shed. In some areas of New England, the sheds were referred to as 10x10's. Pictured with this article is a lasting jack which is part of our museum display. The base is the jack and it raises and lowers to make it easier to work on the shoe last positioned on the top. The shoe last was used to mold the shoe's shape.

Early shoes and even those made into the 1850's were not created as a left and a right. The straight sole would eventually mold to the shape of the wearer's feet, making the breaking in of a pair of shoes an uncomfortable process.

Up to the early 1900's, women's ankles were not to be shown in public, so they were hidden by long skirts or high button shoes or boots. These were fastened by a series of small buttons which necessitated the use of a button hook of which we have several at the museum.

In the 1903 book of area businesses, there is no mention of shoemakers or cobblers, but we know from other sources that Nehemiah Sherman had a shop. Nehemiah was a Civil War veteran and upon returning home, he shared a house with his sister Susan, at 251 New Bedford Road. He both farmed and worked as a shoemaker/cobbler. By now, the two terms had blended.

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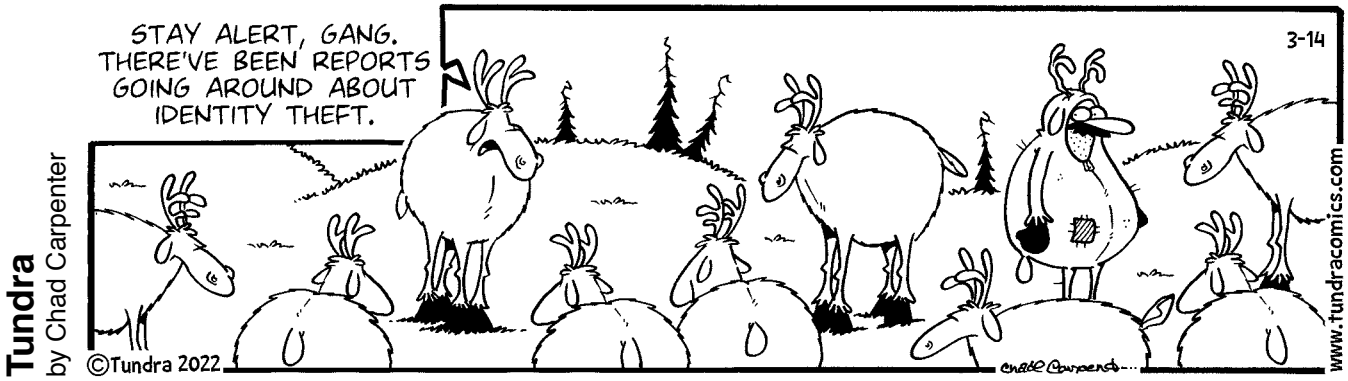
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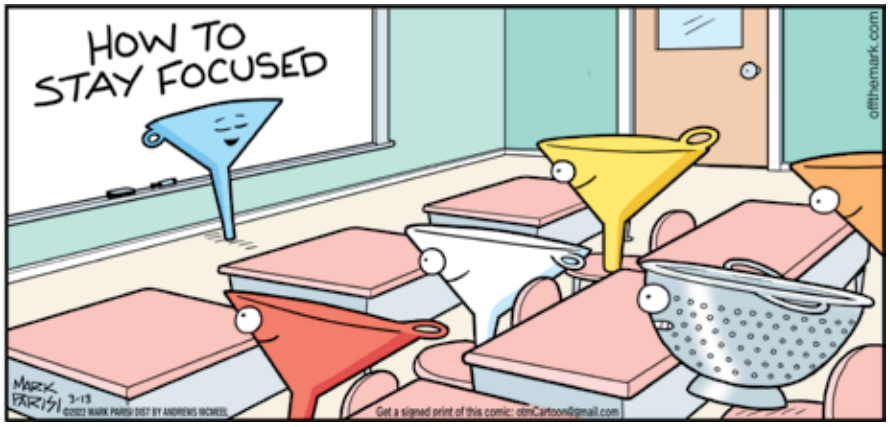
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Amber Waves
by Dave T. Phipps
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I HEADED OUTSIDE BEFORE MY MOM GOT UP. SHE'S PROBABLY WORRIED SICK.

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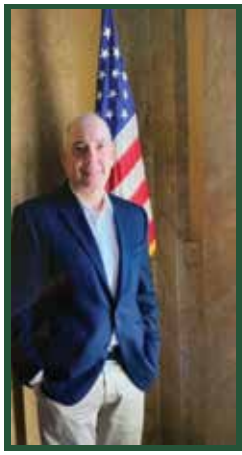

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Nehemiah had a shop in the upstairs of the house. As a cobbler, he also could do repairs on leather items used by farmers and those with wagons, carriages and horses. Nehemiah died in 1908.

Seahorse Summer Explorer Program

Mattapoisett Recreation will be opening online sign-up for the Seahorse Summer Explorer Program in two stages this year. Mattapoisett resident sign-up opens on April 1. Nonresident registration opens on April 5.

Your favorite counselors will be returning, and we are all looking forward to another fun-filled summer. Please email us at mattrec@mattapoisett.net with any questions.

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Machacam Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **April 6**. We meet at the Legion Hall on Depot Street with social time beginning at 5 pm followed by dinner at 6pm. Chef Colby will again be preparing a full, satisfying meal. Our speaker for the evening is Town Administrator Mike Lorenco who will provide us with an update on Town finances and an overview of the May Town Meeting Warrant. Callers please communicate the results of your calls by 5 pm Monday, April 4 to 508-758-1326 or email to cwmccullough@comcast.net. We welcome new Club members.

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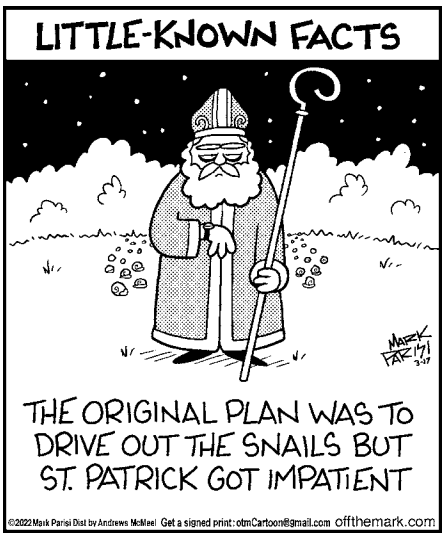

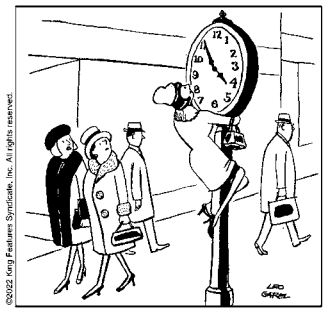

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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Mattapoisett Lions Casino Night

The Mattapoisett Lions Club presents its first Annual Casino Night on Saturday, April 30 at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County St., New Bedford. V.I.P. tables for eight people per table are available. $600. Early entry at 6:00 pm, advertise your business with table signage, expert card playing lessons for one hour, special appetizers, drinks tickets, casino cash (no cash value) or $60 per person. Entry at 7:00 pm appetizers and casino cash (no cash value.) Dress to impress (if you like,) but not required. For information and tickets, contact Valerie Kane at 1-774-993-9905.

Proceeds will be used to fund local scholarships, help local residents in need, Mass. Lions Eye Research and Diabetes awareness and more.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will meet on March 17, at 11:00 am at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church in Reynard Hall. Our speaker for this meeting will be Robin Lepore, Board Member of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path and member of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club. She'll will provide an update on all things Bike Path.

Robin Lepore is a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bicycle and Recreational Path, known informally as "The Friends" or The Friends of the Bike Path." The all-volunteer nonprofit organization raises funds to help the Town meet the match requirements for grants and provides amenities along the bike path. It sponsors the "Tour de Crème" bike ride in the spring and a bike safety training program. Through its "Bikes for All" program, it collects and restores donated used bicycles for families who do not own bicycles.

In her professional life, Robin was an attorney with the U.S. Department of the Interior, working primarily with the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Now, she uses her advocacy skills as The Friends' grant writer.

While many members of "The Friends" are cyclists, Robin and her husband enjoy walking and use the Mattapoisett Rail Trail to keep in shape for longer distance walks. They have completed the Camino de Santiago - a 500-mile pilgrimage route in Spain, another shorter route in coastal Portugal and walked across England following Hadrian's Wall. Hopefully, this year they'll be able to take another walking trip.

Members are encouraged to bring a donation for a local foodbank and/or for Gifts to Give. The MWC notecard and postcard designs will also be for sale - $10/4 notecards and $10/6 postcards. Proceeds support the scholarship fund and other projects of the MWC.

The Tea Committee hostesses for the luncheon are: Sandy Hering, Liz Ackerman, Ellen Flynn, Nancy Holland, Janet Liljedahl, Caroline Marcoux, Sue Mitchell, Kathleen Saunders, Ellen Schneider, Blaise Simpson, Melissa Soule and Cindy Turse.

The MWC has resumed traditional in-person meetings on the third Thursday of every month. Current Covid protocols will be followed.

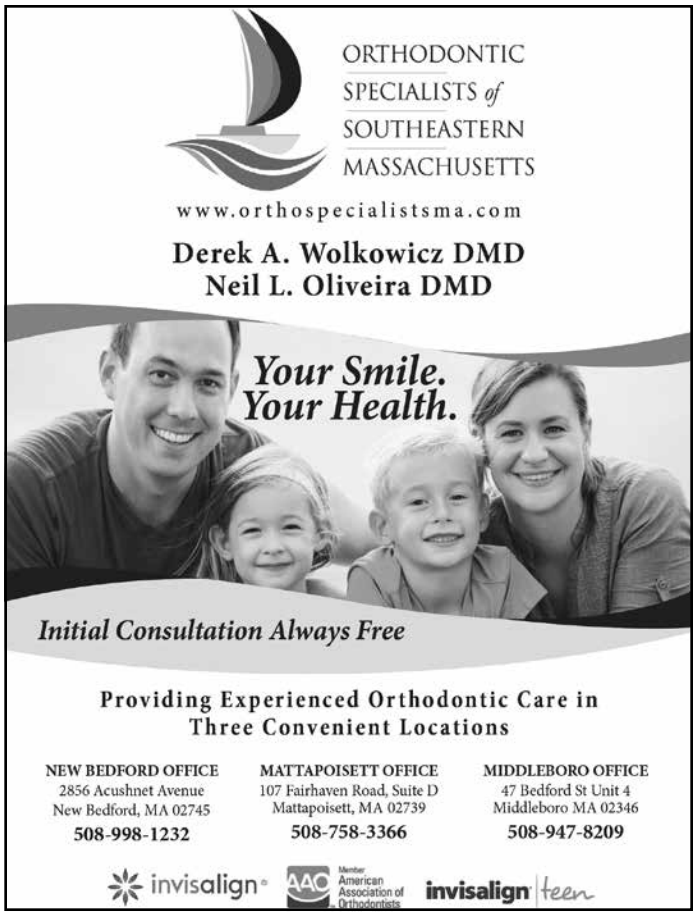
The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is always open to new members from the South Coast area. For more information and a membership application, please see the Club's website - www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org/members/.

A Message from the Marion Fireworks Committee

Fourth of July weekend is fast approaching! The 2022 Marion Fireworks Committee would love to continue the fireworks tradition this summer, but the reality is that this event comes with a cost of $65,000. Time is a key factor in planning this event and it must go out to bid in early April.

In order for this to even go out to bid, the funds need to be secured prior to April. To date, we have just under $20,000. With one month to raise over $45,000, we are turning to this amazing community to donate now. This beloved Marion tradition can only happen with your support and generosity!

Please make your check out to: Town of Marion and mail it to: Marion Fireworks Committee, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.



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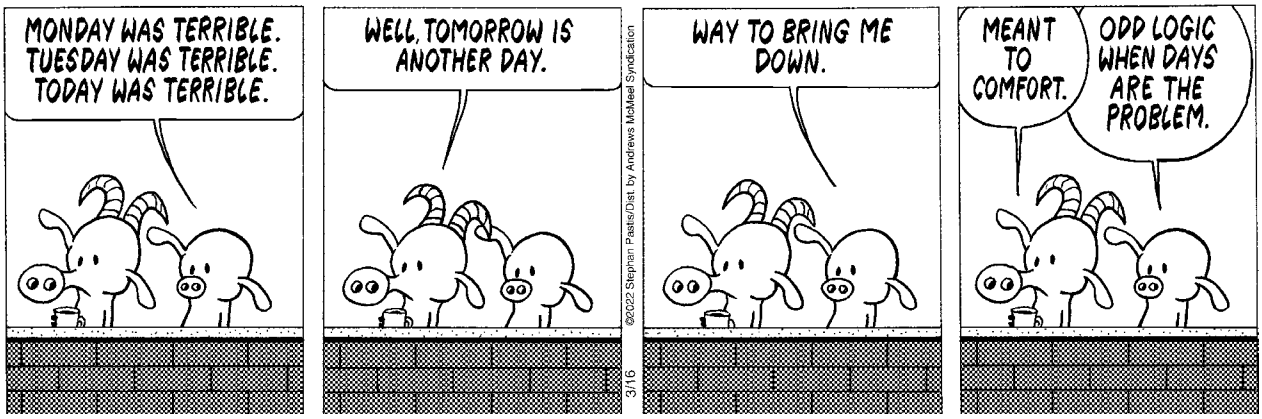

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"We have missed our vendors, volunteers and the many town departments who help us put on the Fair," said Barbara Acksen, Chairperson of the Homecoming Fair Committee. "Most of all we have missed the community. Everyone has missed the opportunity for connection with others in a fun and joyful atmosphere.

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Ashling McLoughin	March 18
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Marianne DeCosta	March 18
Ava Goldstein	March 19
Emily Newell	March 19
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Linda Holt	March 19
Nancy Tippins	March 19
Jared Gammell	March 20
Josh Fardy	March 20
Marina Stephens	March 20
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Ryan Foster	March 20
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Donna Pease (Mimi)	March 23
Maverick Leahy	March 23
Michael A Days	March 23
Tara LeBlanc	March 23

The Fair has long provided that sense of community and all of us on the committee are excited to be working on restoring it."

Applications for the Fair are currently available at the Fairhaven Town Hall, the Millicent Library and the Tourism Office. Applications are also available at www.facebook.com/fairhavenimprovementassociation/ or fairhavenimprovement.org .

2022 Lamoureux Music Scholarship

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra is pleased to announce that applications are now available for the 2022 Lillian B. Lamoureux Music Scholarship. The scholarship competition is open to all South Coast music students ages 14–21. Two $1,000 scholarships will be awarded, one high school student and one college student. The deadline for application (including two letters of recommendation) is Friday, April 29, 2022. Students will be asked to submit a video of their audition performance via Dropbox by May 14, 2022. Questions may be directed to Education Director Terry Wolkowicz at twolkowicz@nbsymphony.org

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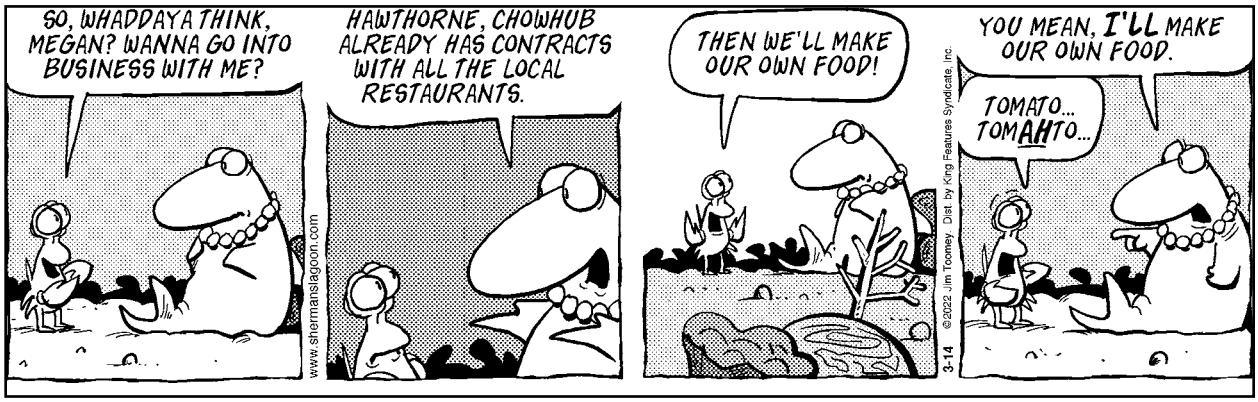

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Get some exercise, make new friends and support a good cause at the 29th annual Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 18 in New Bedford and Fairhaven. Registration is now open at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim.

The Buzzards Bay Swim is an exciting outdoor experience that welcomes swimmers of all abilities and fitness levels ages 11 and up. Over 300 swimmers complete a scenic 1.2-mile point-to-point open water course from New Bedford's South End, past the iconic Butler Flats Lighthouse and New Bedford Hurricane Barrier with a crowd of hundreds watching and cheering.

At the finish line at Fort Phoenix State Reservation in Fairhaven, swimmers and their guests are welcomed with a beach party featuring a live steel drum band, pancakes cooked to order, gourmet coffee, local craft beer and awards and prizes. First-time and beginner swimmers can swim with a personal kayak or paddleboard escort for added support.

Dartmouth resident Martha Yules and her husband tried the Swim for the first time recently. "We loved it – what a fun and memorable experience! This event should be added to the proverbial bucket list for everyone living on the Southcoast."

Last year, in a reduced capacity event with only 50 participants, the swimmers raised a total of $125,000 to support the Coalition's ongoing work to prevent pollution and protect clean water in Buzzards Bay.

Registration for the Buzzards Bay Swim is $25, and swimmers commit to raising a minimum of $300 each ($150 for youth.) Most find they can raise much more – including Rob Thieler of Falmouth, who together with his team, the Chappy Swimmers, raised over $4,300 last year. "We are long-time supporters of the Coalition and its mission," he said. "Water quality, conservation and public access are all vitally important to how we enjoy the Bay. And honestly, we also love a good race! The Swim is one of the most fun and best-run events in New England."

Have a great time for a good cause at the 29th annual Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 18. Sign up now at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim

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Major, Hunter E	Mach, Steven T TR Steven T Mach RT	20 Chapel Rd	Mattapoisett	02/24/2022	737,500.00
Silvia, Brandon	Bat Club RE Holdings LLC	0 High Ridge Dr Lot 39	Mattapoisett	02/25/2022	330,000.00
Orourke, Brendan M Lord, Katherine M	Torwin Development LLC	Shagbark Cir Lot 63 0 Shagbark Cir	Mattapoisett	02/28/2022	240,000.00
Rassoulian, Scott Moridi, Georgia	Elkins, Caroline Monson, Ingrid Tolia	195a Converse Rd	Marion	02/28/2022	768,500.00
Billings, Susan W Brennan, Patrick M	Gerry, Frank S England, Janet I	59 Angelica Ave	Mattapoisett	02/28/2022	515,000.00
Wright, Timothy	Mcgee, Ryan Mcgee, Nancy	14 Autumn Ln	Marion	02/28/2022	737,500.00
Mcgee, Nancy Mcgee, Ryan	Jones-rudolph, Trina-noie	31 Joanne Dr	Marion	03/01/2022	560,000.00
Hutton, Jeremy	Oliveira, Ronald	67 Wareham Rd	Marion	03/01/2022	439,000.00
Drumgoole, Bianca	Winwin Properties LLC	61 Marion Rd	Mattapoisett	03/01/2022	410,000.00
Braga, Mark R Braga, Theresa Marie	Farrington, Brian S	7 Winter Hill Rd	Mattapoisett	03/01/2022	770,000.00

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Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	March 10	1:13	1:41	7:18	6:52
Friday	March 11	2:06	2:37	9:03	8:06
Saturday	March 12	3:11	3:42	10:08	9:23
Sunday	March 13	5:21	5:42	11:54	11:25
Monday	March 14	6:14	6:30		12:32
Tuesday	March 15	6:54	7:12	12:14	1:07
Wednesday	March 16	7:31	7:51	12:59	1:40
Thursday	March 17	8:08	8:29	1:41	2:12
Friday	March 18	8:47	9:09	2:24	2:43
Saturday	March 19	9:27	9:51	3:06	3:16
Sunday	March 20	10:11	10:35	3:47	3:51
Monday	March 21	10:58	11:23	4:28	4:28
Tuesday	March 22	11:50		5:12	5:08
Wednesday	March 23	12:17	12:46	6:00	5:55
Thursday	March 24	1:15	1:46	7:02	6:53
Friday	March 25	2:17	2:48	8:59	8:10
Saturday	March 26	3:23	3:56	10:43	10:00
Sunday	March 27	4:34	5:05	11:42	11:30

Phases of the Moon		
	First Quarter	March 10th
	Full Moon	March 18th
	Last Quarter	March 25th
	New Moon	April 1st

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on ***I Found the Aardvark***

In the March 10, 2022 edition the Aardvark was on page 3!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Sparse 2. Carrot
3. Sacred; 4. Glare

Today's Word

GLASSES

Sudoku Answer

6	2	9	4	5	3	8	1	7
3	1	8	6	7	9	5	4	2
5	7	4	2	8	1	6	9	3
9	6	3	8	4	2	7	5	1
2	5	7	9	1	6	4	3	8
8	4	1	5	3	7	9	2	6
7	9	2	1	6	4	3	8	5
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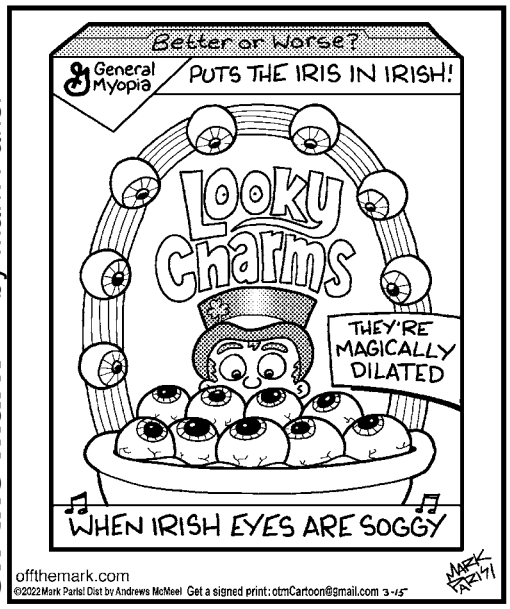

Friends' marketplace

at PLUMB CORNER

SALE EFFECTIVE:
Friday, March 18 — Thursday, March 24, 2022

565 Rounseville Road • Rochester, MA 02770
Phone: 508.763.5333
Open Daily: 7am–8pm

Grocery, Dairy & Bakery

Crystal Geyser
Half Liter Bottles
35 Pack
Spring Water
$5.99

14-16.6 oz. Selected
Kellogg's Raisin Bran $3.99

11.8-15.1 oz. Selected
Quaker Instant Oatmeal $4.99

24 oz. 6 Pack Selected
Mott's Applesauce ..... 2/$6

4.5-5 oz. Selected
Kraft Shake'n Bake
Seasoned Coating Mix $2.99

13 oz. Orange Marmalade or Selected
Bonne Maman Preserves $3.99

32 oz. Selected (Excludes Organic & Bone)
College Inn Broth ..... 2/$5

16 oz. Selected
Blue Diamond Almonds $8.99

7.33 oz. Selected
Stacy's Pita Chips $2.79

11.75-13 oz. Selected
Nabisco
Chips Ahoy! Cookies ..... 2/$7

9-16 oz. Premium Oyster or
Nabisco Saltine Crackers ..... 2/$7

16 oz. Selected
Talenti Sorbetto or Gelato $3.99

3 oz. Pkg. Tiramisu or
Dark Chocolate Mousse
Sweetaly
Individual Cheesecake $3.99

Store Baked
Cinnamon Rolls $2.49

Quality Meats, Deli & Prepared Foods

Chairman's Reserve
Prime, Boneless
Center Cut
Pork Chops
$4.99 lb.

CHAIRMAN'S RESERVE
PRIME PORK

Kayem
14 oz. Pkg. Meat
Fenway Franks $4.99

Boar's Head
Muenster Cheese ..... $6.99 lb.

Store Made
Macaroni Salad ..... $7.49 lb.

Boar's Head
12 oz. Pkg.
Beef Franks
$5.99

Wine

750 ml Italy, Prosecco
Riondo $13.99

750 ml Italy, Pinot Grigio
Alois Lageder $14.99

750 ml Italy, Gavi Masone
Le Terre $11.99

We also carry a great selection of
Ready to Drink Cocktails & Seltzers
• White Claw • Truly • Cutawater
• Fisher's Island • High Noon • & more!

Beer

All Beer is + Deposit

We have an awesome selection of Craft Beer including...
• Lord Hobo • Foley Brothers Austin • Lawson's
• Exhibit A • Zero Gravity • Buzzard's Bay
• & many more!

Ciders to Keep You Warm!

Stormalong
Citizen
Artifact
Stowe
Carlson Orchards

Cheese & Spreads

7 oz. Pkg. Irish
Boar's Head
Cheddar Cheese $5.99

8 oz. Pkg. Smoked
Boar's Head
Gouda Cheese $4.99

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Why wait in line when you can order ahead online! Download the Chow Now app, order and pay online, and skip the line!

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We offer curbside pickup!
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plumb@friendsmarketplace.net

Open at 7am daily! at PLUMB CORNER

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Blockbuster Savings!

Friends' Premium Certified Black Angus
Top Sirloin Spoon Roast
$7.99 lb.

Boar's Head London Broil
Roast Beef
$15.99 lb.

Near East 5.25-10 oz. Selected (Excludes Long Grain & Wild Rice & Quinoa)
Side Dishes
2/$4

Full Circle market 15.5 oz. Selected
Organic Beans
99¢

Häagen-Dazs 14 oz. Raspberry Sorbet or Selected
Ice Cream
$4.99

San Felice 750 ml Italy Chianti
Wine
$17.99

Quality Produce

1 lb. Pkg. Florida Strawberries	$3.99
3 lb. Pkg. Clementines	$5.99
Juicy Minneolas	$1.69 lb.
Fresh Asparagus	$2.99 lb.
Summer or Zucchini Squash	$1.69 lb.
Vine Cluster Tomatoes	$1.99 lb.

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